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Pvt. David Philo, with the Michigan National Guard, administers a COVID-19 vaccine dose to Norman Pizzotti during a vaccination clinic held Saturday at the Berrien County Health Department.

# A reason to celebrate

## 900 attend vaccination clinic, describe a smooth, organized process

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — More than 900 Berrien County residents received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on Saturday during a clinic at the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD).

"I'm so happy to be here," said Ginny Pizzotti of Stevensville while walking into the building with her husband of 58 years, Norman.

The clinic was focused mainly on people over the age of 75, though some 65-74 were able to get vaccinated if they were a spouse, partner or caregiver of someone over 75.

"We're still prioritizing those at the highest ages," Gillian Conrad, spokesperson for the BCHD, said Saturday. "Our average age of death here due to COVID is about 80. So we really want to reach those that are in the highest risk of overwhelming our hospital system, and prevent death and severe illness."

Attendees pulled into the parking lot, were directed where to go, checked in, and waited in their cars until their turn to go into the building.

During the check in, staff go over some basic information, like any symptoms of illness or if they've recently received another type of vaccine.

When it's their turn, people are shown to a privacy booth with a nurse or a member of the National Guard, the shot is given, their appointment for their second dose is recorded on a card, then they wait in a monitoring area for 15 minutes to make sure they don't have any immediate adverse reactions.

"They are so organized and I'm very thankful for everyone who has thought this through," Ginny Pizzotti said. "They have a way to check on us, and it's just phenomenal. I'm impressed for little old Southwest Michigan."

She described it as the most serious vaccines she's received, outside of her smallpox one.

"We've been waiting with bated breath. I had COVID and exposed him, so he had to go into quarantine, and finished just in time to get here today," she said. "We would just encourage other people to get it."

Norman Pizzotti said he and his wife were going to go home, crack open a bottle of Champagne and watch a basketball game to celebrate.

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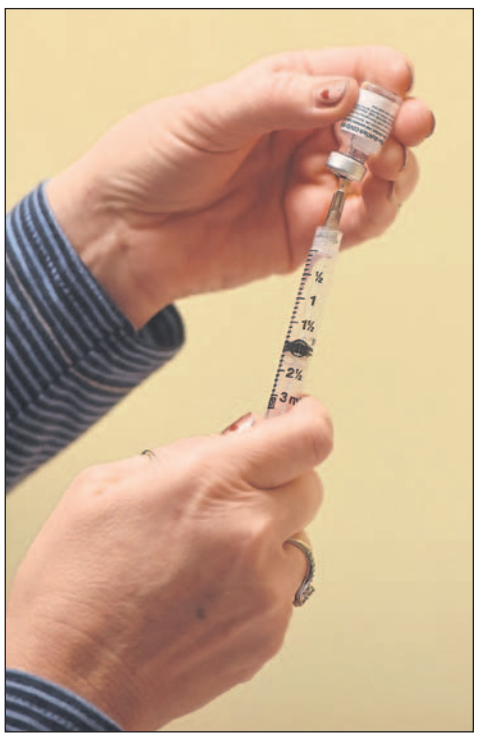

Clinical and Community Health Nurse Manager Candi Gabrielse prepares doses during a COVID-19 vaccination clinic Saturday.

# Online celebration kicks off week of MLK events

## Lake Michigan College awards inaugural Spirit of MLK honor to two people, one organization

**By LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — People wanting to understand what white privilege is need look no further than what happened on Jan. 6, when a mob of mostly white people stormed the U.S. Capitol because they didn't like who was elected president, Tekeidra Masters of Benton Harbor said Monday during a virtual community celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

MASTERS

Masters, the keynote speaker for Now is the Time! The MLK Celebration Week, said President Donald Trump has in the past labeled peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters as thugs, anarchists and terrorists.

In contrast, she said he tweeted that his supporters who stormed the Capitol were "great patriots who have been badly and unfairly treated for so long."

"This is the double standard," she said. "This is white privilege."

The MLK event was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It replaced the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast usually held at Lake Michigan College.

This year's theme centered upon King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail," which he wrote in 1963 in response to fellow clergymen calling his marches unwise and untimely.

Masters said King was asking for justice in 1963, and she's doing the same today.

"Will we be extremists for hate, or will we be extremists for love?" said the 2020 Midwest Regional Youth of the Year, Boys and Girls Clubs. "Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice, or will we be extremists for the cause of justice? It is not the case of if we will be extremists or not, but rather what type of extremist we will be. And it is not a matter of if you will fight for equality, but instead a matter of when."

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# Whirlpool Corp. applauds washer tariff extension

## Appliance maker happy to see 2 more years of 'safeguard' tariff

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. will get a leg up on foreign competitors for at least another two years in the U.S. after a favorable tariff was renewed.

With less than a week remaining in his presidency, Donald Trump extended the "safeguard" tariffs on large residential washer imports for two years.

The Benton Harbor appliance maker applauded the move in a prepared statement.

"The president's order adopts the recommendation of the independent, nonpartisan U.S. International Trade Commission and culminates a nearly-decade long effort by Whirlpool Corp. to help ensure free and fair trade policies that benefit both our consumers and our

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# Helping those most in need

## Chief trial attorney for Berrien County Prosecutor's Office settles into new role

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Cortney O'Malley, a 1996 Lakeshore graduate, has been promoted to chief trial attorney at the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office.

**By JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Cortney O'Malley said her parents raised her to help people whenever possible.

Now, what she finds most rewarding about being a prosecutor is when she is able to help victims receive justice, particularly children who have suffered abuse and families who have lost a loved one to violence.

**Q&A**
**CORTNEY O'MALLEY**

O'Malley, her husband and children live in St. Joseph. She graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1996, graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology, and graduated from Valparaiso University Law School in 2003.

She and her husband, also a lawyer, moved to the East Coast and lived in Maine for two years before moving back to St. Joseph.

O'Malley worked as an assistant prosecutor in South Bend, Ind., for three years before being hired by then-prosecutor Arthur Cotter in 2007 to work as an assistant prosecutor in the Berrien County Prosecutor's family division.

After three years, Cotter asked her to move to the criminal division, and she agreed. O'Malley was recently appointed by Steve Pierangeli, Berrien County's new prosecutor, to serve as chief trial attorney.

She sat down with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer

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## MLK

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She said now is the time to be heard.

"You have to be passionate about change every day with your friends, family and foes," she said. "Use your platforms every single day because you don't know who may be listening."

LMC President Trevor Kubatzke echoed Masters' words, saying that everyone needs to challenge systematic racism "whenever and wherever they see it."

He said going virtual wasn't the only change made in the MLK celebration.

After holding the annual event for more than 20 years, he said the college reached out to the community to plan and deliver this year's celebration, and that more than 30 people representing various organizations served on the MLK event planning committee.

In addition to LMC, the event is now sponsored by several other organizations, including Whirlpool Corp., Kinexus Group, United Way of Southwest Michigan and Horizon Bank.

Another change was in the top honors given during the event. Instead of diversity awards, the inaugural Spirit of MLK Spotlights were given to Lynn Todman, Jada Willis and the Race Relations Council of Southwest Michigan.

"The transition from the diversity award to a community spotlight was to place less emphasis on honoring a particular individual and more on the important equity and inclusion work that is currently happening, and the local impact it is making," said Mike Nadolski, executive director of the Mendel Center and co-chair of the MLK Celebration Week Committee, in an emailed statement. "By adjusting our selection process and vision, we encouraged nominations from a wider array of sources. Everything about this endeavor is to encourage unity, action and long-lasting societal change."

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**Jasmnika Newbern, left, and Cherlyn Kyles help distribute boxes of food during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day food drive on Monday at the downtown Benton Harbor Fire Station.**

**TODMAN**

**WILLIS**

Todman, winner of the individual spotlight, is the vice president of health equity at Spectrum Health Lakeland, where she leads efforts to advance health equity. She is the catalyst behind Community Ground Rounds and was instrumental in the establishment of the Center for Better Health in Benton Harbor.

The student spotlight went to Willis, a Berrien Springs High School graduate who is a music student at LMC. She was also named Miss Benton Harbor 2020 and was second runner-up to Miss Blossomtime 2020.

The race relations council received the organization spotlight for its work to reduce stereotypes and prejudice and to increase mutual understanding and respect for the past 23 years.

More than 240 households virtually attended the event, which can be viewed at lakemichigancollege.edu/MLK, and on the college's YouTube channel.

A schedule of the week's activities can also be found on the college's website. Most of the events are being held virtually except for the blood drive, which will be noon to 5 p.m. Friday at the Consortium for Community Development, 175 W. Main St., Benton Harbor. It is being organized by Spectrum Health Lakeland in partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan.

The United Way of Southwest Michigan is holding a food drive all week, with proceeds going to support food pantries in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. Information on how to donate is on the LMC website.

The food drive kicked off Monday with a food distribution at the Benton Harbor fire station.

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## Schedule of events

### Today

10 a.m. – MLK Trivia

4 p.m. – Discussion Group: I See Me, I See You, I See Us: Children's Books about Diversity

7 p.m. – Discussion Group: Juneteenth, to be celebrated June 19

### Wednesday

1 p.m. – Civil Rights Movement Trivia

7 p.m. – Discussion Group: Letter from a Birmingham Jail – How Far Have We Come?

### Thursday

10 a.m. – Local Civil Rights Trivia

3 p.m. – Student Discussion Group: What do you believe in NOW?

7 p.m. – Discussion Group: Social Justice: A Matter of Equity

### Friday

1 p.m. – Miscellaneous Trivia

2 p.m. - Press Conference/Public Art Special Announcement

7 p.m. – Discussion Group: "The Best of Enemies" – The 2019 Major Motion Picture

Beyond this week, three free, online panel discussions on Understanding the Roots of Systemic Racism will be on April 13, May 11 and June 15, presented by LMC, the city of St. Joseph and Spectrum Health Lakeland. More details will be presented later.

# Mich. to distribute $58.5 million in grants to businesses

## Program application process opens today

**By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS**
Associated Press/
Report for America

LANSING — Relief is coming to Michigan businesses after a board last week approved $58.5 million in grants for economic losses due to the coronavirus pandemic that has strained the state's economy.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last month signed into law a spending plan to help repair the economic impact from the coronavirus. It included an allocation to the Michigan Strategic Fund under the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to distribute grants to eligible businesses.

The board approved two programs to distribute funds during a meeting on Thursday: the Michigan Small Business Survival Grant Program to help businesses that had to close or partially close during the pandemic; and the Michigan Stages Survival Grant Program to help businesses pay workers who were laid off.

Funds from both programs can be used for payroll expenses, building expenses and other business related expenses.

The Michigan Small Business Survival Grant Program will award $55 million in grants of up to $20,000 for small businesses that were forced to close and grants of up to $15,000 for the businesses partially closed.

To be eligible for a grant, businesses must have had one to 100 employees on Nov. 17 and show the impact pandemic restrictions had on them.

With COVID-19 continuing to impact businesses, specifically restaurants that are limited to outdoor dining due to health orders, small business owners like Ginny Sherrow, co-owner of Fenton Winery & Brewery, are looking for help. Though her business has outdoor seating and offers takeout, winter weather is hitting Fenton in Genesee County and it's getting harder to cover operating costs.

"We have applied for every single grant that has come out of any government entity or organization since March," Sherrow said. "Although we have applied to everything, we haven't yet been awarded anything. We need to use that money to pay our property taxes, which are due here to our local township."

The Michigan Stages Survival Grant Program will award grants of up to $40,000 to help entertainment venues, for a total of $3.5 million.

To be eligible, venues must normally produce or provide live performances. They must also employ less than 30 full-time employees and can't apply for the Michigan Small Business Survival Grant Program.

Program applications will open Tuesday and close Friday. Grants will be distributed by Feb. 28, but could come as soon as Jan. 29.

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**Midday Daily 3**
5-5-8
**Midday Daily**
8-9-2-4
**Daily 3**
7-9-0
**Daily 4**
4-2-8-9
**Fantasy 5**
03-06-09-24-38
**Keno**
05-08-13-16-18-19-20-25-29-37-38-42-45-49-51-58-61-66-69-71-79-80
**Mega Millions jackpot**
$850 million
**Powerball jackpot**
$730 million

### Sunday drawings

**Indiana**
**Cash 5**
10-11-15-17-20
**Cash4Life**
29-35-42-48-49, Cash Ball: 1
**Quick Draw Midday**
03-08-10-22-23-25-28-29-31-32-39-41-44-45-49-52-62-69-72-75, BE: 32
**Daily Three-Midday**
1-7-6, SB: 8
**Daily Three-Evening**
0-2-1, SB: 8
**Daily Four-Midday**
5-8-8-8, SB: 8
**Daily Four-Evening**
2-4-7-1, SB: 8
**Quick Draw Evening**
01-05-06-09-19-20-28-32-34-38-39-40-46-48-57-67-70-71-72-73, BE: 71

**Illinois**
**LuckyDay Lotto Midday**
05-13-16-38-40
**Estimated jackpot**
$100,000
**Pick Three-Midday**
7-9-2, Fireball: 8
**Pick Three-Evening**
8-1-6, Fireball: 9
**Pick Four-Midday**
6-1-2-7, Fireball: 1
**Pick Four-Evening**
3-4-5-6, Fireball: 1
**Lucky Day Lotto**
06-10-26-30-44

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## TARIFF

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15,000 U.S. employees," the company's statement read. "We are proud that 80 percent of our products that are sold in the U.S. are also assembled at one of our nine manufacturing sites across the country."

The tariffs, which were originally enacted in January 2018, were among the first that Trump imposed as part of his pledge to "put American companies and jobs first" – along with levies on solar panels, steel, aluminum and Chinese goods.

The washer tariffs, imposed under Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, were designed to protect American manufacturers from import surges for three years, and due to expire on Feb. 8.

According to Reuters, the U.S. International Trade Commission determined import relief was still necessary for domestic firms in November, which led to Trump extending the tariff last week.

The tariff safeguards on washers impose levies of 20-40 percent – depending on import volumes – but exclude machines made in Canada.

However, Canadian competition is not what Whirlpool has focused on for the past decade.

In the months before Trump imposed the tariffs in 2018, South Korean companies Samsung and LG – which had been the ire of U.S. anti-dumping tariffs for years – made commitments to open washer factories in the U.S.

It is not known whether President-elect Joe Biden plans to roll back the tariffs once in office.

However, it doesn't seem to be high on the list of things Biden will focus on addressing from the previous administration.

Biden's team announced this weekend that he's planning a 10-day blitz of executive action on what his administration is calling the "four crises" facing the country – COVID-19, the economic downturn, racial injustice and climate change.

Whirlpool's fourth quarter ended in December and the company's earnings are set to be released to shareholders by the end of this month. Coupled with positive earnings, the tariff extension could bode well for Whirlpool's stock in the coming weeks.

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## Kotlowitz discusses 'Other Side of the River'

### Author joins online discussion of 1998 book

**By LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Many questions remain unanswered since "The Other Side of the River" first came out in 1998.

But one thing is clear – the racial issues between the Twin Cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph haven't gone away.

More than 40 people met virtually Saturday with author Alex Kotlowitz during a book club put together by local community activist Trenton Bowens.

Kotlowitz said he hasn't kept up with what's been happening in the Twin Cities in the 20-plus years since the book was published, but he can talk about the progress of race relations in general in America. He said he believes that cellphones have made a difference.

"So now so much is caught on video and for white Americans, it's impossible to turn their heads," he said. "For Black Americans, there's a sense that this is nothing new. This has been going on for years and decades."

Kotlowitz believes the death of George Floyd last May at the hands of Minneapolis police officers and the video that was shared afterwards has stirred something in America.

"This is the first time in a long time that I hear people talking about institutional racism, which is really about our history," he said.

Kotlowitz said he was attracted to write the book because the Twin Cities serves as a metaphor for America, in terms of race relations.

"If it's not a river that divides us, it's a boulevard, it's a railroad tracks, it's the city limits, and we see that in city after city after city," he said.

When he was writing the book, Kotlowitz said people in St. Joseph would often ask him why he wanted to write about such a negative topic, and that some there were angry he was writing the book.

Much of the book focuses on the death of 16-year-old Eric McGinnis, of Benton Harbor, in May 1991. Some people believe it was an accident while others view it as an unsolved murder. McGinnis' body was found in the St. Joseph River, with the prevailing view of investigators being that he fell off the railroad bridge trying to cross the river at night.

Kotlowitz said one of his biggest regrets was not finding a resolution in the case.

"I worry, as a storyteller, that that was also going to be frustrating to the readers," he said. "It's a place where I felt like I had fallen short. ... That's the thing that haunts me."

Kotlowitz said he has received occasional phone calls or emails from people over the years who say they have information, but it's never been enough to make him want to add more to the story.

"We may never know," he said.

During the meeting, several people said they were surprised that a book written two decades ago about an incident that happened almost 30 years ago is still relevant today, because it talks about race relations between the two cities.

Robin Ruff Leja, who grew up in Southwest Michigan but has moved away, said that when she first read the book, she was busy raising her children.

"I don't remember being as deeply affected as I was now, and I think that's because of what's happening in our country now," she said. "This time, I remember being shocked that so much racism existed in St. Joe."

Leslie Pickell of Benton Harbor said the title of the book caught her attention – which side of the river is "the other side?"

She said the answer depends on a person's perspective.

The book club is being sponsored by the nonprofit Neighbors Organizing Against Racism, which Bowens founded in 2020 after the national outcry over Floyd's death.

A link on how to sign up for the free event is on the Facebook page of Neighbors Organizing Against Racism. People can also register by calling Bowens at 861-2861.

After the meeting, Bowens said there have been signs of progress, like Lynn Todman being the first Black person elected to the St. Joseph City Commission in 2019. Another first happened this past November, when Rayonte Bell was elected as the first Black person to represent St. Joseph on the Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

In other ways, he said things have stayed the same.

Bowens recounted how some local people reacted when he led a peaceful march in Benton Harbor against police violence less than a week after Floyd was killed. He pointed out that some business people in St. Joseph closed their businesses early, saying their were afraid of the potential for violence.

He also said that while Bell was campaigning with another Black candidate in St. Joseph a month before the election, someone called the police on them.

"You can't even campaign while Black," he said. "It's like we repeat the cycle."

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**Skaters wear masks during open skate time Monday at the John & Dede Howard Ice Arena in St. Joseph.**

## Howard Ice Arena now open

### Many COVID-19 precautions are in place

**By JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Skaters are back on the ice at the John & Dede Howard Ice Arena in St. Joseph.

The rink was to have opened for the season in late November, but the opening was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting restrictions.

Carrie Ogonowski, recreation manager for the city of St. Joseph and manager of the ice arena, said the rink opened Saturday, with capacity limit, registration requirements and pandemic precautions in place.

For example, skates are available to rent for $3, but all skates are disinfected at an outdoor table after every use before being returned to the rental counter.

**Manager Carrie Ogonowski sanitizes a pair of skates between use during open skate time Monday at the John & Dede Howard Ice Arena.**

The schedule for open skate comes in two-hour time slots, with a half hour between sessions to allow for guests to leave before the next group arrives.

Reservations are required for open skate due to limited capacity and the need to obtain information from skaters in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

The schedule for open skating is: Sundays, 1-3 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Mondays, Noon-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 12-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 3-5 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12-2 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 5-7p.m.; Saturdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., 6-8 p.m. and 8:30-10:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1-3 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Stick & Puck hours are from 2-3 p.m. Saturday and various other times throughout the week, with a 24-player capacity.

Stick & Puck is a program for hockey skill development and practice, with no games or scrimmages. Locker rooms are closed and skaters should arrive dressed to hit the ice. Benches are placed around the arena to change into skates, and spectators are limited to one per player and are not allowed to gather in the warming hut.

Pre-registration is required for open skate, Stick & Puck, and spectators.

For more information, or to register, visit www.sjcityparkrec.com or call 983-8795.

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## Community benefactor Betty Kohn dies at 86

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
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**Bob and Betty Kohn wave to the crowd during the dedication of the new Lakeshore High School softball complex in April 2016 in Stevensville.**

Elizabeth "Betty" Kohn of Berrien Springs, who, with her husband, donated millions of dollars to the community over the years, died on Saturday in Florida at the age of 86.

Kohn and her husband, Bob, were proud supporters of the Lakeshore Lancers, Michigan Lutheran High School and Grace Lutheran Church and School.

"Their generosity has made it possible for many young people to attend Michigan Lutheran. One of their goals in life, both Betty and Bob, was to promote young people in athletics and growing as Christians," William Kruck, director of resources for Michigan Lutheran High School, said Monday.

He has worked closely with Bob in that capacity and said the couple have been a huge asset to Michigan Lutheran and Grace Lutheran.

"Betty was a quiet, unassuming lady and she and her husband were not only examples of generosity, but also fine models for modesty, by sharing the gifts which God had blessed them," Kruck said. "The prayers of our high school go up for Bob and his family, but we know they are people of strong faith and know Betty is in a far better place."

One of the most visible projects they helped to create is the Bob and Betty Kohn Sports Complex in Stevensville, just south of Lakeshore High School on Cleveland Avenue.

In 2015, the Kohns spent more than $1 million to build the new Lakeshore High School softball field, called the Betty Kohn Field, which is in the complex.

Other projects they've funded include new turf at Al Stockman Stadium at Lakeshore High School, new turf at the Lakeshore Rocket football facility, the paving of the parking lots at the complex, many of the fences, scoreboards for all the fields, and concession stands and press boxes for rocket football and high school baseball.

They also funded the Betty Kohn Outdoor Fitness Zone, which opened in 2018. The zone sits on 7 acres behind the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center in St. Joseph, and includes 12 unique exercise stations for seniors and the wider community.

The couple also recently helped fund the Betty Kohn Fieldhouse at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn., which will open in 2022, according to the college's Facebook page.

Bob Kohn is the founder of Supreme Casting, Inc., of Stevensville.

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## IN BRIEF

### COVID-19 trends stay steady over weekend

Berrien County recorded 119 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday, keeping trend with the 133 new cases recorded last weekend.

In addition, the county added 160 recoveries and one death.

The county is down to about 1,368 active COVID-19 cases. That's compared to 1,474 last Monday.

COVID-19 hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland remained in the 40s over the weekend, with 40 patients admitted as of Monday morning.

No recent COVID-19 outbreaks were reported at any Berrien, Cass or Van Buren county schools on Monday by the state.

Two additional COVID-19 deaths were recorded in Cass County over the weekend, bringing the county's death toll to 53.

In addition, the county recorded 12 new COVID-19 cases.

Van Buren County saw no deaths over the weekend, but added 14 new COVID-19 cases.

### Driver reported to be critical following crash

SOUTH HAVEN — The driver of a vehicle was taken to Bronson South Haven Hospital in critical condition this past weekend after suffering injuries in a crash that occurred in Casco Township.

Allegan County Sheriff's deputies responded to the accident scene shortly before midnight on Friday, near the roundabout at Blue Star Highway and North Shore Drive.

There were no witnesses to the crash, according to a news release from the sheriff's department. Deputies believe the vehicle was traveling north on Blue Star Highway when it lost control, drove into the median, struck a sign and rolled over at least once before landing on its roof. The driver, who was the sole occupant in the vehicle, was ejected from it.

The driver was taken to the hospital in critical condition. As of Monday, the sheriff's department had not released the name of the victim nor an update on his or her condition.

Deputies are continuing to investigate the crash. They said they do not know at this time if speed or alcohol were factors in the crash.

## Body found of man missing since October

**By HP STAFF**

LAWRENCE — The body of a 45-year-old Parchment man who had been missing for 3½ months has been found.

Van Buren County Sheriff's deputies reported Monday that the body of Jimmy Green was found on Friday in a wooded area near the village of Lawrence.

Investigators say at this time no evidence exists of foul play. However, they are waiting for pathology results from an autopsy that will be conducted by the Western Michigan University Department of Forensic Pathology in Kalamazoo.

Family members interviewed by sheriff's department investigators had earlier described Green as a very mild-mannered father with a mild form of Bell's palsy that caused a slight speech impediment.

Green went missing Oct. 7 from Lawrence after visiting with friends in the area.

The day of his disappearance, Green had been helping friends pick up sticks in their yard on Blackman Street in Lawrence when he walked away without saying a word, according to a previous news release from the sheriff's department. Neighbors last saw Green walking westbound from Blackman Street to St. Joseph Street approximately 4:30 p.m. that day. Around 5 p.m., Green asked to borrow a phone and called his family from a home at the corner of E. James Street and Elizabeth Street in Lawrence.

He was last seen on a surveillance camera walking west toward a wooded area.

## OBITUARIES

### Cleo Ruppel

Feb. 25, 1928 – Jan. 14, 2021

Cleo Hansen Ruppel, 92, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully at her home, Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, with family by her side.

She was born Feb. 25, 1928, at the family farm in Lakeview, Mich.

On June 17, 1950, Cleo married her husband of 30 years, Sam P. Hansen Jr. He preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 1980. She married Chris Ruppel on June 6, 2009, until his death on Sept. 5, 2019.

Cleo was preceded in death by her husbands; parents, Albert and Inez Laper; brothers, Carl and Keith Laper; sister, Ruth Jensen; and son-in-law, Douglas Henry.

Cleo is survived by her brother, Paul Laper of Hickory Corners, Mich.; children, Sue (Daniel) Reschke of St. Joseph, Kay (Richard) Greene of Indianapolis, Brian (Veronica) Hansen of Bangor, and Diane Henry of Albuquerque, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Cleo was a graduate of Western Michigan University and member of the Alpha Beta Epsilon sorority. She began her teaching career in a one-room country school in McBride, Mich. Cleo taught for many years, in a substitute capacity, once her children were born.

Her family meant everything to her, and she was a wonderful mother. Cleo was a member of the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also a member of Stevensville United Methodist Church.

A private family service at Starks & Menchinger Chapel with Pastor David Hills officiating was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 18. Burial took place at Northshore Memory Gardens in Coloma.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you plant something beautiful in your garden in living remembrance of Cleo.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

### Sandy J. Landis

Oct. 13, 1942 – Jan. 14, 2021

Sandy J. Landis, 78, of St. Joseph passed away Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at her home.

A private celebration of life service will be held for Sandy's family.

Memorial contributions can be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sandy was born on Oct. 13, 1942, to Harold and Alma (Radde) Diamond in St. Joseph.

She graduated from St. Joseph High School, and then continued her education at Michigan State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education. After college, she taught school at St. Joseph and Lakeshore high schools.

On June 25, 1966, Sandy married the love of her life, Douglas Landis. Together they owned the golf shop at Wyndwicke golf course, followed by Landis Clothing Co.

Sandra was a founding member of Peace Lutheran Church, a member of Child and Family Services and a member of Berrien Hills Country Club.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Doug Landis; children, David (Shannon) Landis of Portage, Mich., and Shelly (James) Penney of Decatur, Ga.; grandchildren, Delaney, Carter, Vaughn and Lily; sister, Deanna Toth of Lansing; a nephew, Michael (Patty) Toth; and a niece, Michelle (Jim) Powell.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Alma Diamond.

### Kim Raymond Richard Critzer

Sept. 3, 1954 – Jan. 17, 2021

Kim Raymond Richard Critzer, 66, of Buchanan, passed away at home on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021.

He was born on Sept. 3, 1954, to the late Ray and Amy Critzer in Niles. Kim spent most of his life farming and loved his tractors.

Surviving him is his significant other, Pat Vanderburg; children, Keith Critzer, Sarah (Rusty) Borror, Kevin Critzer, Kraig (Stacey) Critzer, Daniel (Megan) Critzer; sister, Amy Jo (Ross) Moore; grandchildren, Zachary, Adam, Aiden, Logan, Kaleb, Luke, Olivia and Sophia.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Amy.

A visitation for Kim will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Hoven Funeral Home in Buchanan.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations, in memory of Kim, to help with funeral expenses.

Online condolences can be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

### Marjorie Mae Gahris

Sept. 13, 1921 – Jan. 16, 2021

Marjorie Mae (Finney) Gahris, 99, of Berrien Center passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Woodland Terrace Senior Living in Bridgman.

Private services and burial were at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph.

Memorial donations in Marjorie's name can be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland or Woodland Terrace.

Those wishing to sign Marjorie's memory book online can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Marjorie was born on Sept. 13, 1921, in Custar, Ohio, to Bernard and Bertha (Duquette) Finney.

After graduation from Bowling Green High School, Marjorie worked in secretarial positions until her marriage to Robert Gahris on April 10, 1948, in Custar. After raising her daughters, she worked as a bookkeeper at Berrien Teachers Credit Union until her retirement.

Marjorie was an active member of New Troy Grace Brethren Church, where she held various offices.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, on Dec. 20, 2010; her parents; a sister, Lorraine Neiling of Bowling Green, Ohio; a brother, Donald Finney of San Jose, Calif.; a brother, Edgar Finney of Bonita Springs, Fla.; and son-in-law, Dan Foote of Bonita Springs.

Marjorie is survived by daughters, Marcia Foote of Grand Blanc, Mich., and Marilyn (Ron) Arend of Berrien Center; grandchildren, Matthew (Rachel) Arend of Marshall, Mich., and Stacy Arend of Grove City, Pa.; and great-grandchildren, Danielle and Zachary Arend.

The family gives special thanks to the staff of Caring Circle of Lakeland, and the kind and caring staff at Woodland Terrace.

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# Coronavirus deaths rising in 30 U.S. states amid winter surge

**By DAVID CRARY**
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Coronavirus deaths are rising in nearly two-thirds of American states as a winter surge pushes the overall toll toward 400,000 amid warnings that a new, highly contagious variant is taking hold.

As Americans observed a national holiday Monday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo pleaded with federal authorities to curtail travel from countries where new variants are spreading.

Referring to new versions detected in Britain, South Africa and Brazil, Cuomo said: "Stop those people from coming here. ... Why are you allowing people to fly into this country and then it's too late?"

The U.S. government has already curbed travel from some of the places where the new variants are spreading – such as Britain and Brazil – and recently it announced that it would require proof of a negative COVID-19 test for anyone flying into the country.

But the new variant seen in Britain is already spreading in the U.S., and the Centers for Disease Control and Protection has warned that it will probably become the dominant version in the country by March. The CDC said the variant is about 50 percent more contagious than the virus that is causing the bulk of cases in the U.S.

While the variant does not cause more severe illness, it can cause more hospitalizations and deaths simply because it spreads more easily. In Britain, it has aggravated a severe outbreak that has swamped hospitals, and it has been blamed for sharp leaps in cases in some other European countries.

As things stand, many U.S. states are already under tremendous strain. The seven-day rolling average of daily deaths is rising in 30 states and the District of Columbia, and on Monday the U.S. death toll surpassed 398,000, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins University – by far the highest recorded death toll of any country in the world.

Ellie Murray, an assistant professor of epidemiology at the Boston University School of Public Health, said cases have proliferated in part because of gatherings for Christmas and New Year – and compounded previous surges from Thanksgiving and the return of students to schools and universities in the fall.

The pace of any further spread will depend on whether those who did gather with family and friends quarantined afterward or went back to school or work in person, she said.

One of the states hardest hit during the recent surge is Arizona, where the rolling average has risen over the past two weeks from about 90 deaths per day to about 160 per day on Jan. 17.

"It's kind of hard to imagine it getting a lot faster than it is right now, because it is transmitting really fast right now," said Dr. Joshua LaBaer, director of the Biodesign Institute research center at Arizona State University. "But there is some evidence that Thanksgiving didn't help things."

# WHO chief lambasts vaccine profits, demands elderly go first

**By JAMEY KEATEN**
Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Health Organization chief on Monday lambasted drugmakers' profits and vaccine inequalities, saying it's "not right" that younger, healthier adults in wealthy countries get vaccinated against COVID-19 before older people or health care workers in poorer countries and charging that most vaccine makers have targeted locations where "profits are highest."

Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus kicked off the WHO's weeklong executive board meeting – virtually from its headquarters in Geneva – by lamenting that one poor country received a mere 25 vaccine doses while over 39 million doses have been administered in nearly 50 richer nations.

"Just 25 doses have been given in one lowest income country – not 25 million, not 25,000 – just 25. I need to be blunt: The world is on the brink of a catastrophic moral failure," Tedros said. He did not specify the country, but a WHO spokeswoman identified it as Guinea.

"It's right that all governments want to prioritize vaccinating their own health workers and older people first," he said. "But it's not right that younger, healthier adults in rich countries are vaccinated before health workers and older people in poorer countries. There will be enough vaccine for everyone."

Tedros, an Ethiopian who goes by his first name, nonetheless hailed the scientific achievement behind rolling out coronavirus vaccines less than a year after the pandemic erupted in China, where a WHO-backed team has now been deployed to look into origins of the coronavirus.

## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Stopped for lunch
4 Cutting remark
8 Cash giver, for short
11 Small bird
13 Place
14 TGIF part
15 Albright or Falana
16 Unthinkingly
17 Northern seabird
18 Computer network
20 A crowd, maybe
22 Ballpark fig.
23 Livy's trio
24 India's first prime minister
27 Brief time
30 Aha! (2 wds.)
31 Give a ticket
32 Startled cries
34 Tire pressure meas.
35 WWW addresses
36 Read the — act
37 Deleted
39 Do a grammar task
40 Favorite
41 Scold
42 Valet employer
45 Montezuma's people
49 Dashboard info
50 Flair
53 Roman love god
54 Si, to Amelie
55 Planted, as seed
56 Coated with gold
57 FICA number
58 Chop —
59 Leaves in a bag

**DOWN**
1 Pointed tools
2 Priam was its king
3 Sushi fish
4 Stadium hoverer
5 Relief
6 Fam. member
7 Postpone (2 wds.)
8 Long way off
9 Undeniable
10 Emcee's device
12 Character
19 Down Under bird
21 Rush off
23 Charged bits
24 Bite
25 Latin I verb
26 Estate recipient
27 Springlike
28 Roulette color
29 Pairs
31 Worry
33 Fr. holy woman
35 Of no value
36 Unkempt
38 Chimpanzee
39 La —, Bolivia
41 Long-term babysitter
42 Med. plans
43 Literary work
44 Like a dime
46 Give off light
47 Merry king of rhyme
48 Tijuana Ms.
51 "Skip to My —"
52 Blow away

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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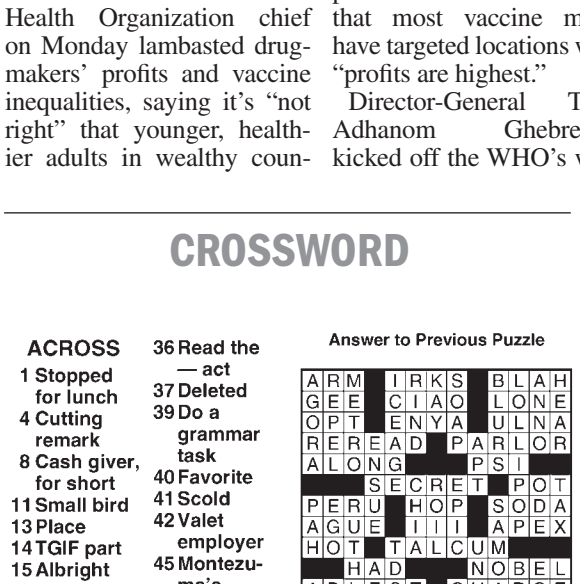

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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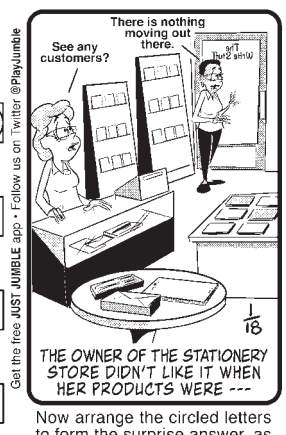
PTNUI

CAATUL

SRTOYP


There is nothing moving out there.
See any customers?
THE OWNER OF THE STATIONERY STORE DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN HER PRODUCTS WERE ---
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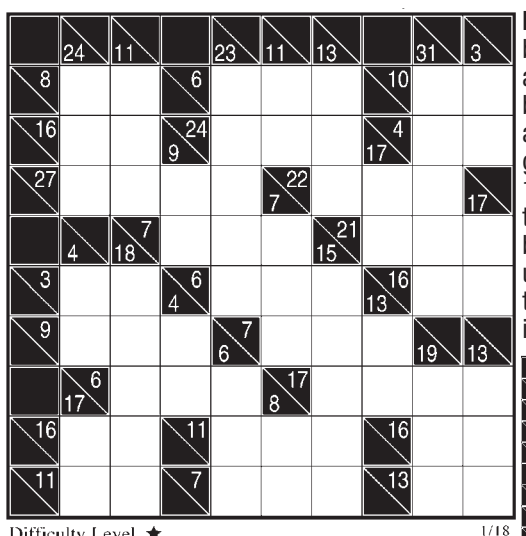
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

*Answer here:*

(Answers tomorrow)

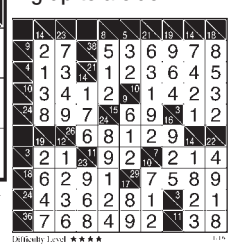
Saturday's Jumbles: AWARD STRUM CANOPY WRITER
Answer: When the campers heated up slices of bread on their campfire, they were — WARM AND TOASTY

## KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 1/18

**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/18

## BRIDGE

Last month, I coached four students while they played deals at Bridge Base Online. One afternoon, we had a series of amazing deals. This week, let's look at six of them. Warning: The bidding and play are not always perfect, but I hope that we can learn some lessons.

First, if you were North, how would you respond after partner opens one no-trump?

That is a matter of partnership agreement. Here, North replied three diamonds, showing at least 5-5 in the minors with game-forcing values or more. South might have rebid three hearts, hoping his partner would read it as showing a five-card suit (not just asking for a spade stopper for three no-trump). If South had rebid three hearts, North would have raised to four hearts, describing her distribution perfectly and letting partner decide what to do if he did not have five hearts.

Three no-trump looks hopeless. The defenders drive out the spade ace, get back in with either the heart ace or club king and run the rest of the spades. But ...

Under West's spade queen, East signaled with the eight instead of the nine. (Always play the highest card you can afford when showing enthusiasm.) Then, instead of leading the 10 (or seven, his original fourth-highest), West continued with the spade jack.

Still nervous, East played her two. Now West led the spade three, and East played the nine, not the king.

North 01-18-21
♠ —
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A K Q 8 3
♣ Q J 9 7 5

West
♠ Q J 10 7 6 3
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 9 4
♣ K 4

East
♠ K 9 8 2
♥ A 7 6
♦ 7 6 2
♣ 10 8 6

South
♠ A 5 4
♥ K Q J 10 5
♦ J 5
♣ A 3 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1NT | Pass | ?? | |

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Of course, the defenders were not yet dead. Maybe declarer, not guessing that they had blocked the spades, would take the club finesse. But after running his five diamond tricks, he deduced to play on hearts to get home.

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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| 7 | | 3 | | 6 | | | | 9 |
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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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| 8 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| 7 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 2 |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 7 |

# OBITUARIES

## Lawrence E. Leonarduzzi

Jan. 20, 1964 – Jan. 13, 2021

Lawrence E. Leonarduzzi, 56, of Gaastra, Mich., died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021.

He was born Jan. 20, 1964, in Elgin, Ill., the son of Felix L. and Margaret (Schreiber) Leonarduzzi. At that time, the family lived in Schaumburg, Ill., and then moved to St. Joseph in 1968, when Larry was 4 years old.

He attended Jefferson Elementary and Upton Middle schools. The family vacationed and camped throughout the Upper Peninsula, and in October 1976 made Iron River their home. Larry then attended West Iron County Middle and High School, graduating with the class of 1982.

After graduation, he worked in Iron River for a few years before moving to Seattle. He did construction work with Woodman Construction of Kirkland, Wash. While living in Seattle, he enjoyed going to the mountains and skiing.

He moved back to Iron River in 1997 to start his lifelong career as a heavy equipment operator. He was employed by McMahon Brothers, Spicer Trucking, Bar Enterprises, and the Iron County Road Commission, where he was currently employed. In addition to his full-time job, he started his own excavating business as owner/operator.

Larry was an experienced and knowledgeable mechanic and heavy equipment operator. He was an absolute genius with a torch and a wrench in his hand. There didn't seem to be anything he couldn't fix or re-engineer to make it work better. There was always some kind of project he enjoyed fiddling with in his garage (be it his project or someone else's). His ingenuity and skill with his trade and projects will leave a big hole in the Iron River area and beyond.

Larry's hobbies included stock car racing and helping with the demolition derby at the Iron County Fair. With his love of the water, he was fortunate to do all types of fishing and boating on Minnie Lake, where he would put his pontoon boat out on the water at night and sit for hours enjoying his surroundings.

In winter, the ice fishing equipment came out, and he would invite friends and family to join him. His newest hobby consisted of making a variety of sausage with family and friends.

Larry married Tracy L. Pellizzaro on Aug. 3, 2013, at their home on Minnie Lake.

Larry was a kind, loving and generous person to all, who will be greatly missed by his wife, Tracy; son, Anthony (Breanna) Leonarduzzi of Snoqualmie, Wash.; his cat, Simon; stepdaughters, Kelsey Przybylski of Iron River and Danielle Przybylski of Iron Mountain, Mich.; mother, Margaret Leonarduzzi of Iron River; mother-in-law, Mary Pellizzaro of Gaastra; sister, Marsha Leonarduzzi-Linthicum of Iron River; brothers, Greg (Stacy) Leonarduzzi and Kenneth Leonarduzzi, both of Iron River; granddaughter, Natalye; aunt, Lida Leonarduzzi of Benton Harbor; uncle, Larry Schreiber of St. Joseph; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Felix L. Leonarduzzi; father-in-law, Donald R. Pellizzaro; grandparents, Felice and Angelica (Tonello) Leonarduzzi and Eugene J. and Katherine (Kowalski) Schreiber.

A celebration of life will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Larry's memory to Michigan United Conservation Clubs, at MUCC.org, in memory of his love of fishing.

Condolences can be expressed to his family online at www.jacobsfuneralhomeir.com. Funeral arrangements are by Jacobs Funeral Home in Iron River.

## Farrell Ray Kirk

Dec. 19, 1942 – Jan. 18, 2021

Farrell Ray Kirk, 78, of Three Oaks died peacefully Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, after a long illness. He passed away at home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Dec. 19, 1942, in Sesser, Ill., the fifth child born to Alvis and Grace Kirk. He married Beverly Jo Chesnut on Sept. 14, 1963, in Buchanan.

Farrell's passions were family, gardening, tractor pulls, antique tractors and snowmobiling. He supported his kids and grandkids while exhibiting at the Berrien County Youth Fair for more than 50 years. He has had a number of special pets over the years, most recently Walter, the goose.

Farrell was a hard worker. He started with farming. After several years with Clark Equipment, he started his 50-year trucking career, which included owning his own fleet and retiring after 29 years with Linde. He was very proud of his 3 million-plus miles logged as a safe driver.

He was a member of Galien United Methodist Church, and a lifetime member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Farrell will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife, Beverly Kirk, of Three Oaks; his children, Tammy (Ron Greulich) Koziel, Jamie (Woody White) Jenkins, both of Niles, Tom (Loneta) Kirk of Galien; seven grandchildren, Shane (Gretchen), Kelsey, Madison, Randy (Ashley), Ryan, Sebastian, Taylor; eight great-grandchildren, Carson, Leland, Kora, Ambree, Autumn, Cameron, Bristol, Ryder; sisters, Violet Zebell of Goshen, Ind., Janice (Everett) Stolte of Irving, Ill., Maxine Skala of Three Oaks, Linda (Brian) Habel of Sawyer, Judi Smith of Berrien Springs; sister-in-law, Nancy Kirk of Bridgman, Debbie Kirk of Zeigler, Ill., Dianne Kirk of Three Oaks; brother-in-law, Ron Bond of New Buffalo; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Randy Ray Kirk; his parents; one sister, Betty Bond; four brothers, Carrol Kirk, Jake Kirk, Max Kirk, Billy Kirk.

Family and friends will gather from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, and from 11 a.m. until time of service at noon Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 at Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, 106 E. Ash St., Three Oaks.

Farrell will be laid to rest at Galien Township Cemetery.

The family prefers contributions in Farrell's memory to Galien United Methodist Church, 208 N. Cleveland Ave., Galien, MI 49113; Berrien County Youth Fair Exhibitor Premiums, 9122 U.S. Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; or Caring Circle Hospice, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

## Clinton E. Frazier

March 22, 1947 – Jan. 13, 2021

Clinton E. Frazier, 73, of Benton Harbor passed serenely into eternity on Jan. 13, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

He was born March 22, 1947, in Benton Harbor, to Alfred Frazier and Nona (Steele) Blanton.

Clinton was a loving father, brother and friend. He was employed at Cook Nuclear Plant and Palisades Power Plant for many years, and was a member of Michigan Carpenters Union Local 525 for more than 50 years.

He was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed time as a member of the Gentleman's social club (Old Timers). Clinton never met a stranger, and made friends effortlessly. He and his friends would often meet at local restaurants just to sit and catch up over a cup of coffee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred H. Frazier and Nona I. Blanton.

Clinton leaves to cherish his memory his children, Anthony (Casey Koch) McCoy of Benton Harbor; daughter, Clenetta Frazier of Rochester Hills, Mich.; grandchildren, Anthony McCoy Jr., Sa'Mya Koch; brother, Alfred H. (Deborah) Frazier Jr.; sisters, Brenda Massengale-Barnes, Donna (Charles) Joseph and Evelyn E. Powell.

A service celebrating his life will be Jan. 22, 2021, at Apostolic Tabernacle, 1881 Greenly Ave., Benton Harbor. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the funeral at noon. He will be laid to rest at North Shore Memory Garden.

In keeping with the COVID-19 guidelines, the gathering will be limited. The state requires attendees to follow all guidelines, including social distancing, mandatory masks and hand sanitizing. We appreciate your assistance in helping keep attendees healthy.

Condolences, photos and memories can be left for the family at BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Niles.

## Earl Lynn Brohman

Sept. 22, 1931 – Jan. 16, 2021

Earl Lynn Brohman, 89, of Berrien Springs, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at Heritage Chapel, 8747 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, with the Rev. Janet Van Lear officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs.

Friends can visit with the family from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Masks and social distancing will be required for the visitation and service. Due to COVID, there will be no gathering after the burial service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Berrien County Youth Fair.

Those wishing to sign Earl's memory book can do so online at www.heritage-chapel.com.

Earl was born Sept. 22, 1931, in Berrien Springs to Lester and Naoma (Sunday) Brohman.

He graduated from Berrien Springs High School in 1949, and later in life attended Lake Michigan College.

On Sept. 8, 1951, he married the former Linda McNees in Arden.

Growing up, Earl helped on the family dairy farm. Later, he purchased his own farm and grew crops such as tomatoes, strawberries and corn to harvest. He could often be found riding his cherished John Deere "B" tractor while farming. Earl tended to the farm as well as working full-time at Clark Equipment in Benton Harbor. He also helped Linda with her online business – Punch Needle Marketplace.

He and Linda were volunteers for many years at the Berrien County Youth Fair, in the ice booth and in maintaining flower beds. Earl also was an active volunteer with Christmas Care. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed tending to his flowers around the house, but most of all, enjoyed his time with his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Earl is survived by his daughters, Sandra Fulbright and Sheryl (Jim) Kesterke; four grandchildren, Shawn Fulbright, Shannon (Mike) Brodeur, Jessica (Eric) Balsis and Nic (Jessica) Kesterke; six great-grandchildren, Anthony, Madeleine and Olivia Fulbright, Dawson and Brinley Balsis, and Jameson Kesterke; numerous nieces and nephews; and his canine companion, Brandy. Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Linda, on Oct. 14, 2020; his son-in-law, Ray Fulbright, on Jan. 3, 2021; his parents; and two brothers, Keith and Charles Brohman.

## Sharon Faye Zordan

June 29, 1947 – Jan. 13, 2021

Sharon Faye (Frazier) Zordan, 73, passed away unexpectedly at home on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Zordan; her mother, Ruth Frazier; her siblings, Dennis Frazier, Bonnie (Dave) Stinton, and Dolores (Gary) Atteberry; her children, Mike (Jennifer) Zordan and Sherry (Paul) Plangger; and her grandchildren, Josh and Samantha Zordan, Madison, Carter and Noah Plangger, and Jourdan Anderson. She is predeceased by her father, Glenn Frazier; and a grandchild, Zachary Zordan.

Sharon was born June 29, 1947, in Watervliet. She graduated from Hartford High School. She received her nursing degree from Southwestern Michigan College, and went on to receive her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University.

Sharon was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend and nurse throughout her life. She was a loving soul that put everybody else first. She was a mentor and an angel to so many. Sharon was an avid artist and golfer. She enjoyed spending time with her family no matter where they were – from the family farm to the racetrack and campground.

Sharon accomplished so much in her life, and took every opportunity that came her way. She traveled the country as a nurse and worked many jobs. Even so, her priority was her family. She watched all her grandkids when they were young, and took them on many adventures. She was her family's biggest supporter in all they did. She was the voice of comfort, reason, wisdom, understanding and love for her family.

Her funeral will be Friday, Jan. 22 at Duffield & Pastrick Funeral Home in Coloma. Visitation will be at 1 p.m., with the service to follow at 2 p.m.

Memorial donations in Sharon's honor can be made by "paying it forward" (acts of kindness), to the donor's choice, or her church, Hartford Bible Church.

Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family can do so online at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

## Death notices

**Joan F. Baxter,** 84, of Lawrence died Jan. 16, 2021, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

**Mary Bialorucki,** 81, of Granger, Ind., died Jan. 16, 2021, at home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

**Earl Lynn Brohman,** 89, of Berrien Springs, died Jan. 16, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Heritage Chapel & Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

**Kim Raymond Richard Critzer,** 66, of Buchanan, died Jan. 17, 2021, at home. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

**Clinton E. Frazier,** 73, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 13, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

**Marjorie Mae Gahris,** 99, of Berrien Center died Jan. 16, 2021, at Woodland Terrace Senior Living in Bridgman. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Jeanne Hales,** 70, of Elkhart, Ind., died Jan. 15, 2021, at Elkhart General Hospital. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

**Opal Karns,** 84, of Niles died Jan. 16, 2021. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

**Farrell Ray Kirk,** 78, of Three Oaks died Jan. 18, 2021, at home. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

**Elizabeth Josephine Kohn,** 86, of Berrien Springs, died Jan. 16, 2021, at Bayfront Health in Port Charlotte, Fla. Farley Funeral Home & Crematory, Venice, Fla., 941-488-2291.

**Sandy J. Landis,** 78, of St. Joseph died Jan. 14, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Kent Malmstrom,** 63, of Niles died Jan. 14, 2021, at Lakeland Hospital, Niles. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

**Garry Lee McDaniels,** 80, of Catonsville, Md., formerly of Coloma, died Jan. 9, 2021.

**Donald A. Miller,** 73, of Watervliet died Jan. 15, 2021, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

**Larry B. Pascoe,** 73, of Stevensville died Jan. 13, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Arthur Leroy Peterson,** 97, of Sawyer died Jan. 16, 2021, at home. Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

**Cleo Hansen Ruppel,** 92, of St. Joseph died Jan. 14, 2021, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Rebecca Schmidt,** 61, of Buchanan died Jan. 18, 2021. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

**Jamie Sharrai,** 35, of Edwardsburg died Jan. 15, 2021, at home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

**Marietta P. Ziebart,** 87, of St. Joseph died Jan. 16, 2021, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

## Arthur Leroy Peterson

April 7, 1923 – Jan. 16, 2021

Arthur Leroy Peterson, 97, of Sawyer passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at his home in the care of his family.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Friends can meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. Thursday prior to the service. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Three Oaks.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Chikaming Open Lands, 12291 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer, MI 49125.

Online condolences and a livestream of the service can be found at www.PikeFH.com.

Art was born April 7, 1923, in Chicago, the son of the late Carl and Ingrid (Nilson) Peterson.

He retired from Bendix Corp. in 1986, after 32 year of service.

On Oct. 7, 1950, he married Lucille "Lou" Wedde, who preceded him in death on May 8, 2016.

Art was a gunsmith, and owned and operated Peterson Gun Shop with his brother, Elmer. He was a Boy Scouts leader with Troop 59 in Harbert. He had a wildlife and forest management degree from Michigan State University, and enjoyed being outdoors and pheasant and deer hunting with family.

Arthur is survived by his children, Noel (Angie Silguero) Peterson and Linda (Frank) Magro; grandchildren, Sarah (Alex) Johnson, Nick Magro, Kylie Peterson and Nate Peterson.

Art also was preceded in death by a son, Dale, in 2002; and his brother, Elmer Peterson.

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## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 1996 – 25 years ago

The Upton Middle School Planetarium will present a show titled "Toys in Space," about using toys to study Isaac Newton's laws of gravity. The program also will include a "skywalk," and participants will get sky maps, according to planetarium Director Lisa Daly.

### 1986 – 35 years ago

The New Buffalo Park Board and New Buffalo Township officials agreed to recommend an annual $25 fee for township residents to park at the city beach. The fee, the same as a recommended charge for all non-city residents, is expected to be set by the New Buffalo City council at its next meeting. In the past, residents were allowed free parking and the township board made an annual donation to the city. This past week, the park board requested an increase from $500 to $5,000 in 1986.

### 1971 – 50 years ago

Smokers who want to kick the habit will have another opportunity next week as the Five-Day Plan is conducted again by the physician-clergyman team in the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor YWCA. The plan consists of regular evening group therapy sessions and a daily personal control program for home or work. It has been successfully held in cities throughout the United States and Canada.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2021. There are 346 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On Jan. 19, 1981, the United States and Iran signed an accord paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

**On this date:**

In 1809, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1861, Georgia became the fifth state to secede from the Union.

In 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I as a pair of Zeppelins dropped bombs onto Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn in England.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo. A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, killing 251 people; 71 survived.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads to their owners following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television and newsreels for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1987, Guy Hunt became Alabama's first Republican governor since 1874 as he was sworn into office, succeeding George C. Wallace.

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly Cloudy | Scattered Snow | Mostly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy |
| 29° | 21° | 35° / 29° | 38° / 24° | 29° / 20° | 28° / 21° |

## Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 29°, humidity of 69%. West wind 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 21°. West wind 14 to 17 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 11°.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:09 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:44 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:49 a.m.
Moonset ..... Tomorrow

| First | Full | Last | New |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1/20 | 1/28 | 2/4 | 2/11 |

## Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 31° |
| Low | 26° |
| Normal High | 31° |
| Normal Low | 16° |
| Record High | 46° in 1999 |
| Record Low | -9° in 2005 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.96" |
| Normal for month | 0.98" |
| Year to date | 0.96" |
| Normal Year to date | 0.98" |

## Air Quality

Yesterday ..... 59
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

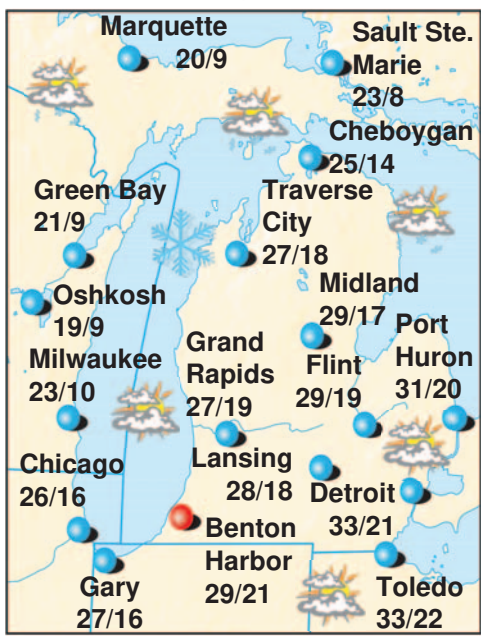
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

## Weather Trivia

*If the air is cold and dry, what type of snow is made?* ?

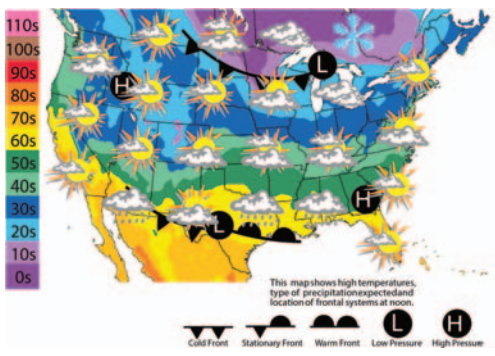
Answer: Powdery.

## Regional Map




## National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 19, 2021




For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

## Lake Michigan

Today, W wind around 15 kt. A slight chance of snow showers. Waves 3 to 4 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 17 to 19 kt. A chance of snow showers. Waves 3 to 5 ft.

## Michigan Forecast

### Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s. West wind 14 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. Southwest wind 7 to 13 mph.

### Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. West wind 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 20s and 30s. Southwest wind 13 to 18 mph.

## CLINIC

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Ruth, 77, and Jerry Stelling, 80, of St. Joseph were also there to get their vaccines on Saturday.

They said the process of signing up for the waitlist and being scheduled was easy, as was getting through the clinic.

"It was very simple and smooth," Jerry said.

"Everyone was very cordial," Ruth added.

Conrad said the people vaccinated on Saturday will come back for their second dose at the exact same time in three weeks, Feb. 6, so it's very easy to remember.

Appointments are set up with about 15 slots every 10 minutes, and they're trying to squeeze in as many people as possible.

"Having a day where we can get 800-plus people through in a day, that's what we want to get to several times in a week," Conrad said. "This is our first of this size clinics. But our capacity is just going to continue to increase. We will reach a limit because of staff, but almost every single health department employee is out helping today."

The BCHD requested members of the National Guard to help with the clinic, in addition to their staff.

"The National Guard guy giving me my shot, I didn't know he had done it until it was all over with. It was not his first rodeo," Norman Pizzotti said.

Candi Gabrielse, nursing manager at the BCHD, was preparing doses of the vaccine to be administered.

"It's awesome because we're getting a lot of vaccines out, which is good. We're getting more out than we originally thought we were going to get out, so that's exciting. The more we can get in a week, the better. That's our goal," she said.

Cal Bennett, 79, of Eau Claire said he got the vaccine on Saturday because his daughter works at the health department and helped get him scheduled.

"The process was really very smooth. The wait time wasn't bad at all and the shot wasn't bad at all. That needle was so small, I didn't even feel it," he said.

Once he gets his second dose, and more people are vaccinated, he said he'd like to head south and get out of the cold weather.

Barb Mitchell, 91, of Eau Claire said she's looking forward to exploring JoAnn Fabrics again, and getting out to some of her other favorite places.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Cars arrive at the COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Saturday at the Berrien County Health Department in Benton Harbor.

Barb Mitchell, 91, of Eau Claire, wears a COVID-19 vaccination sticker during a clinic Saturday.

Julia Kneble checks on people in the post-vaccination monitoring area during Saturday's clinic.

Mitchell said she put her name on "all kinds of lists" to make sure she, her sister and her sister's husband got the vaccine.

They all live together and have been able to keep each other company during the pandemic.

"But it's nice to be outside. They don't let us out," she said, talking about her kids.

Conrad said the BCHD has had an overwhelmingly positive response from people eager to get vaccinated.

"But, the demand for the vaccine is still outpacing the supply that we have," she said. "We hope that as we move into the future, we will have more regular shipments, and that knowledge of regular shipments coming will help us plan and be able to open up more appointments."

She said some people may feel rushed when it's their turn to sign up for an appointment, but it's because the health officials want to make sure they have doses of the vaccine ready, and don't have to cancel at the last minute.

"The time of vaccines being available in doctor's offices and pharmacies is coming fast, but we feel the BCHD and Lakeland have solid plans to get us until that time," Conrad said. "If you're on our waitlist, we have you. We're planning for you, and we will be opening more and more clinic slots over the coming weeks."

She said out of the estimated 30,000 people in Berrien County who are over 65 years old, about half of them already have their name on the waitlist. In addition, the county is nearly done administering the first dose of the vaccine to everyone in Phase 1A.

To get on the BCHD's COVID-19 vaccine waitlist for those 65 and older, visit www.bchdmi.org/1745/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.

Those without internet access may call the department's COVID-19 hotline at 800-815-5485.

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## O'MALLEY

From page A1

Julie Swidwa to talk about her new position.

**What will you be doing as chief trial attorney?**

My hope, other than administrative duties that I get to help with, is to be able to mentor the younger attorneys. Our office has become very different in the last five years. A lot of people who were career prosecutors retired or left, so we have a lot of young attorneys. So my hope is to be in a position where I can mentor those attorneys, help them develop into better attorneys, get them into trainings, that sort of thing. That's what I'm excited to do. I think it's going to be a good thing.

**Do you have a type of case that you find most rewarding to take to trial?**

I would say domestic violence and sexual assault cases. They are the most compelling to me personally because I'm here essentially to make sure that our victims have more of a voice. So domestic violence, CSC, those are cases that I find particularly challenging and that I really feel emotional about and I become emotionally involved with. And they're also really challenging. There's a lot that goes into them.

**And you like a challenge?**

I do. I like to work with victims a lot. I think I'm relatively good at it and I like people, so I like to work with victims as much as I can.

**Did you intend to move up the ranks when you came here?**

You know, my only interest in going to law school was to become a prosecutor. I never really had any interest outside of criminal law, so as a student, not a lot of people wanted to do that. It was kind of a different path than others, but that's what I've always wanted to do. So coming to this office, really, what I was looking for was a place to stay until I retire. The place that I wanted to be. The fact that it was my hometown was good, but also our office is really made up that way. People have been here for years and years. And that was my goal, to be a prosecutor for life, so that's why I came here.

I don't know that I came here with any intention of being in management. I was pretty young when I came here, 29, so moving up wasn't really forefront in my mind. I was just looking for an office where I could grow. And I think it kind of naturally evolved. I like to work with other people, that's kind of why I'm looking forward to the mentoring. I think I do my best work when I'm talking to others and bouncing ideas off others and getting their opinions, because everybody looks at things differently. So it's really nice to have other input. I think it makes you better at your job and gives you different ways of looking at a case and trying to argue a case, and I know what's important to me might not be as important to the next person, and that's how you have to present to a jury.

My parents taught me, you help out when you can, so I think it just kind of naturally evolved to a place where I wanted to be a help to the younger attorneys, help them get through things that, when I was young, I didn't know. Or, didn't know how to learn. I want to be here to help them get through those things.

**Is there anything you don't like about being a prosecutor?**

Sometimes it is very hard, emotionally. There are cases that involve children who have been abused or hurt in some way. They're rewarding, they matter. I feel like I've actually made a difference and done something for them when I've tried their case. I believed them when maybe nobody else did. Sometimes just saying I believe you when you talk to a kid is something they haven't heard from anybody else.

That impact is amazing, but also it's really upsetting at the same time because as a mother, you hear about all these terrible things happening to kids, and it can be really, really hard.

**So, how do you deal with that personally? What do you do to deal with the stress?**

It's probably strange, but I'm kind of one of those "pick-up-a-hobby" type of people, so I take up a lot of hobbies. Currently my hobby is baking. For a while I went through a crocheting phase. So I like to pick up new hobbies. I'm kind of a homebody. I like to hang out with my family, do puzzles and play games with them. So that's pretty much what I do to de-stress.

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hp SPORTS

# LMC volleyball set for unusual season

## Red Hawks begin delayed campaign with smaller schedule, roster

**By BEN SANDERS**
HP Sports Editor

Lake Michigan College's volleyball season is beginning several months later than originally planned, with a smaller roster and schedule than normal.

At this point, the Red Hawks will take what they can get.

"My kids are just thrilled to play," LMC coach Rob Elliott-Schafnitz said. "We're really the only sport that's going right now (at LMC). Fortunately we get to have a season."

LMC resumed volleyball practice Monday, with games set to begin Feb. 12. COVID-19 concerns postponed the traditional fall sport multiple times. The Red Hawks were able to hold practices in the fall, although four planned scrimmages were canceled.

During the delay, LMC saw its roster drop from 15 players for nine, for reasons including concerns about the pandemic, a desire to stay closer to home, and eligibility issues.

"It's been a little bit of a nightmare, to be honest," Elliott-Schafnitz said.

Other schools didn't even make it to this point under the circumstances, with Michigan Community College Athletic Association West Division opponents Kalamazoo Valley, Lansing and Jackson all opting out. That leaves the division at six teams – LMC, Glen Oaks, Ancilla, Kellogg, Muskegon and Grand Rapids. Ten division games make up the majority of the schedule, which Elliott-Schafnitz said currently sits at 14 games, down from the usual 20. Scheduling outside the division is difficult as out-of-state games aren't an option, though the Red Hawks plan to play some teams from the MCCAA East.

LMC isn't certain whether it will be playing against programs with full rosters, or if they've also been depleted.

"It's the unknown," Elliott-Schafnitz said. "I don't know what I'm competing against.

"This would've been what I expected to be our best season ever, but now I don't know. I have a really great squad, but I have certain roles I'm missing."

In particular, the Red Hawks are lacking in height. Their tallest player, sophomore Emily Kotesky, stands 5-foot-9. She will likely move from opposite-side hitter to middle hitter out of necessity.

Outside hitter Megan Adkerson (Buchanan) and setter Audrey Longley (Brandywine) are among the returning sophomores, along with Alexa Kesterke (Berrien Springs) and Jermara Blackmon (Covert).

The incoming freshman class may see its roles

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Rey Del Rio / Getty Images / TNS

Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo reacts in the first half of a game against Rutgers on Jan. 5.

# 'An invisible foe'

## COVID-19 cancellations keep mounting for MSU basketball

**By CHRIS SOLARI**
Detroit Free Press

A long layoff continues to grow for Michigan State basketball.

Coach Tom Izzo on Monday said three more cases of COVID-19 were found Sunday, leading to the postponement of Saturday's game against No. 24 Illinois.

It is the third straight game MSU called off due to COVID-19 issues in the men's hoops program and fourth this season.

"If you would have seen the disappointment in my players eyes this morning when I told them we had to postpone another game, it was a struggle," Izzo said. "And as I look at it, if I'm losing sleep over it, just think what some of those guys are doing, because there is a true love to play the game. …

"This virus determines the timeline of everything. I don't determine it. And, really, my doctors don't determine it. The virus determines it."

Late Monday afternoon, the MSU women's program announced its home game scheduled for Thursday against Indiana is postponed, the third in a row as well for coach Suzy Merchant's program.

There is no decision on when the Spartans will make up any of these games.

The next scheduled game for Izzo's team is Jan. 28 at Rutgers, 20 days after their 55-54 home loss to Purdue unless one of their postponed games is rescheduled in between. MSU's two games last week – Thursday at Iowa and Sunday against Indiana in East Lansing – both were postponed due to COVID-19 issues.

Izzo said his program has not gone on pause, and he and his coaching staff continue to hold small group and individual workouts. He told WVFN-AM (730 in Lansing) later Monday afternoon he hopes the team can resume practicing in full Wednesday, minus those who remain in isolation.

"We will only return to practice as a team when they tell us it's safe for our players and my staff," Izzo said. "On my staff, I'm the only one that's had it, so I've got to worry about a lot of different people. … We're just kind of living day to day, making sure that they're safe as they can be."

Among the new cases is freshman walk-on guard Davis Smith, the son of MSU and NBA great Steve Smith. He is the fourth player currently battling COVID. The other two who tested positive Sunday are former player and current graduate manager Tum Tum Nairn Jr. and strength and conditioning coach Marshall Repp, per a university release.

Three other players tested positive for COVID-19 last week – freshman forward Mady Sissoko on Jan. 10, the coach's son and sophomore walk-on

See **SPARTANS**, page B6

# Wings give up pair of 3rd-period goals in loss

**By LARRY LAGE**
AP Hockey Writer

DETROIT — Alexandre Texier and Pierre-Luc Dubois scored 1:16 apart early in the third period to give the Columbus Blue Jackets a two-goal lead and they held on to beat the Detroit Red Wings 3-2 on Monday.

Blue Jackets 3, Red Wings 2

Oliver Bjorkstrand scored late in the second period and Joonas Korpisalo finished with 35 saves in the Blue Jackets' first win of the season.

"Everybody is fighting for points," Dubois said. "It's a short season."

Detroit's Bobby Ryan scored twice and Thomas Greiss stopped 26 shots.

"We've been more dangerously offensively the last two games, but we've given up too much," Red Wings coach Jeff Blashill said.

Texier's wraparound goal 5:10 into the final period put the Blue Jackets ahead for the first time. Dubois beat Greiss on a breakaway at the 6:26 mark to help them win after dropping the first two games of the season at Nashville.

Paul Sancya / AP

Detroit Red Wings goaltender Thomas Greiss stops a shot by the Columbus Blue Jackets' Seth Jones in the first period of Monday's game.

The Red Wings pulled Greiss with a few minutes left to add an extra skater. Many players ended up in the crease and the puck was in the net with just less than a minute remaining.

After some fights broke out, video review determined the goal was good because of the actions of a Columbus defenseman Zach Werenski against Ryan.

"I think it was a slight push by Z and Bobby swandived," coach John Tortorella said.

### Trade talk

Dubois has asked for a trade, but is in no mood to talk about his request publicly.

"I have one job and it's to play hockey," he said. "The only thing I can control is how I play. I just have to go out there and play hockey."

Dubois signed a two-year contract worth $10 million that was not the win-win deal he and the franchise were hoping for days before opening training camp. He had 65 goals and 93 assists over his first three seasons with the Blue Jackets.

### Ryan is rolling

Ryan has scored three goals in two games with his new team after the Ottawa Senators bought out the last two years of his contract. He won the Masterton Trophy, the NHL's award for

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# Local swimmers fare well at state finals

## Bridgman's Dixon, SJ relay team earn top-16 finishes

**By HP STAFF**

St. Joseph and Bridgman co-op swimmers made the podium at Saturday's girls swimming state finals.

he finals were delayed multiple times due to COVID-19 restrictions, and also featured a different format.

Traditionally preliminaries are held, with the top eight advancing to a championship heat and the next eight competing in a consolation heat. This season, each event was swam just once, with times compared across heats to determine placing.

Bridgman's Audrey Dixon, a sophomore at Niles, had top-16 finishes in both of her events in the Division 1 finals at Hudsonville High School.

Dixon placed 11th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 53.29, and 14th in the 200 freestyle in 1:56.79.

St. Joseph's 200 medley relay team placed 16th in the Division 2 finals at Grand Rapids Northview High School. The team of Mia Wurster, Sylvia Park, Breanne Pratley and Addie Straub finished in 1:56.41, securing the final podium place by six hundredths of a second.

South Haven's Ellie Frost competed in the Division 3 finals at Lake Orion High School. Frost placed 17th in the 100 freestyle at 56.30, and 28th in the 50 freestyle at 25.90.

# Who will be the next Chicago Bears defensive coordinator?

**Brad Biggs**

With former Chicago Bears assistant Brandon Staley completing his meteoric rise from Division III defensive coordinator to NFL head coach in five years, the league's hiring cycle is moving quickly.

The Houston Texans and Philadelphia Eagles are the only teams still working to hire a head coach, and staffs are being formed by the Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions, Jacksonville Jaguars, New York Jets, as well as by Staley's with the Los Angeles Chargers.

The 38-year-old Staley, who the Bears hired as outside linebackers coach in 2017 – a position he held for two seasons, landed one of the most attractive openings as the Chargers have a solid roster and promising quarterback in Justin Herbert, who is entering his second season.

Staff movement is of importance to Matt Nagy and the Bears as they work to fill an undetermined number of positions. Defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano retired, and while that is the biggest role Nagy must fill, it might not be the only vacancy on that side of the ball.

Defensive line coach Jay Rodgers, who has been with the Bears since the beginning of the John Fox era in 2015, is coming out of contract and is set to become a free agent. If the Bears do not promote him to coordinator, there is ample speculation around the league he will land on Staley's Chargers staff. One source suggested Rodgers could leave for Los Angeles whether he's offered a promotion with the Bears or not.

Rodgers was named the league's defensive line coach of the year following the 2018 season and has been held in high regard at Halas Hall, where he's been considered one of the best position coaches on the staff.

While Rodgers is a potential in-house candidate for the coordinator role, so is safeties coach Sean Desai, who knows the system former coordinator Vic Fangio ran well. Desai is believed to at least be in the mix for a promotion, but his name has also been mentioned by league sources as a possibility with other new staffs. Outside linebackers coach Ted Monachino is the only Bears staff member that has been a coordinator previously.

Nagy is known to have developed a relationship with James Bettcher, the former defensive coordinator of the New York Giants and Arizona Cardinals, and he could be in the mix of external candidates for the job. If Bettcher was hired, it would be worth wondering if he would prefer to bring a position coach or two with him.

The Athletic reported Monday morning that the Bears have requested an interview with Indianapolis Colts cornerbacks coach Jonathan Gannon, who is considered an up-and-comer. He's worked in 4-3 schemes and it's unknown if the Bears would consider schematic changes to their base front, although it wouldn't necessarily be a huge change. The background of Gannon, who is close friends with Staley, is in the secondary – and he could potentially be fine sticking with a 3-4.

Gannon was brought to the Colts by Josh McDaniels, who then reneged on Indianapolis, but was later by Frank Reich. He could be

See **BIGGS**, page B6

## PRIME TIME TV

**TUESDAY EVENING JAN. 19**

| | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABC (7)(13)(41)(57) | Wheel of Fortune | 📽 ★★★ **Cinderella** ('15, Children's) Cate Blanchett, Lily James. CC (DVS) | | | | Call Your Mother | The Conners |
| CBS (2)(3)(22) | Ent. Tonight | **NCIS** "Sunburn" (N) CC (DVS) | | **NCIS** "Head of the Snake" (N) | | **FBI: Most Wanted** "Anonymous" (N) | |
| NBC (5)(8)(16) | Ac. Hollywood | **Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist** (N) | | **This Is Us** "There" (N) CC (DVS) | | :01 **Nurses** "What Size Are Your Feet?" | |
| FOX (17)(22)(28)(32) | Modern Family | **The Resident** (N) CC (DVS) | | :01 **Prodigal Son** "Speak of the Devil" | | **Fox 17 News at 10:00PM** (N) CC | |
| PBS (34) | Economic Outlook | **Finding Your Roots With Henry** | | **PBS American Portrait** "I Keep" (N) | | **Frontline** "President Biden" (N) CC | |
| CW (25) | Big Bang Theory | **Horror Stories** | **Horror Stories** | **Trickster** Jared meets Wade. (N) | | **News** | **Seinfeld** CC |
| MNT (50) | Family Feud | **Dateline** "Poison" CC | | **Chicago P.D.** "Ties That Bind" | | **Chicago P.D.** "Good Men" CC (DVS) | |
| WCIU (26) | Mike & Molly | **Horror Stories** | **Horror Stories** | **Trickster** Jared meets Wade. (N) | | **The Drew Barrymore Show** (N) CC | |
| WHME (46) | :00 **Heartland** | **Heartland** Spartan is stolen. | | **Highway to Heaven** "The Secret" CC | | **Nightly News** | |
| WGN (9) | News | **black-ish** "God" | **black-ish** CC | **Last Man Standing** | **Last Man Standing** | **WGN News at Nine** (N) (L) CC | |
| A&E | :00 **The First 48** | **The First 48** CC | | **The First 48** "Blood Feud" CC | | :01 **The First 48** CC | |
| AMC | **Shawshank** | 📽 ★★★★ **Forrest Gump** ('94) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. CC | | | | | |
| Animal | Insane | **Insane Pools: Deeper Dive** (N) | | | | **Treehouse Masters** | |
| BET | **Why Did I Get Married Too?** | | | 📽 **Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys** | | | |
| Big Ten | Journey | **Women's College Basketball** | | | | **Nebraska Basketball** | |
| Bravo | **Real House.** | **The Real Housewives of Dallas** (N) | | **The Real Housewives of Dallas** (N) | | **Watch What** | **Chrisley Knows** |
| Cartoon | Gumball | **Burgers** | **Burgers** | **American** | **American** | **Rick** | **Rick** |
| Cinemax | 5:45 📽 **Blackhat** | 📽 ★★ **King Arthur: Legend of the Sword** ('17) Charlie Hunnam. CC | | | | :08 📽 ★★★ **The Doors** ('91) CC | |
| CMT | **Last Man** | **Last Man** | **Last Man** | **Last Man** | **Last Man** | **Skyville Live: Kris** | |
| CNBC | **S. Smith** | **Shark Tank** CC | | **Shark Tank** | | **Streets of Dreams** | |
| CNN | **OutFront** | **Anderson Cooper** | | **Cuomo Prime Time** | | **CNN Tonight** | |
| Comedy | **Office** | **Office** | **Office** | **Office** | **Office** | **Office** | **Office** |
| Discovery | **Moonshiners** | **Moonshiners** "Sweet Corn Revenge" Mark and Digger land a new partner. (N) CC | | | | **Lone Star Law: Patrol and Protect** (N) | |
| Disney | Raven | **Sydney** | **Sydney** | **Bunk'd** | **Bunk'd** | **Big City** | **Bunk'd** |
| DIY | **Off Grid** | **Building Off the Grid** | | **Unbelievable Builds** | | **Building Off the Grid** | |
| E! | **Chrisley** | **Chrisley** | **Chrisley** | **Chrisley** | **Chrisley** | **Celebrity Game Face** | |
| ESPN | **College Basketball** | | | **College Basketball** Duke at Pittsburgh. (N) | | | |
| ESPN2 | **NFL Live** | **UFC Archival** | | **College Basketball** Alabama at LSU. (N) | | | |
| ESPNC | 6:00 **MLB Baseball** | | | **Classic-Boxing** | | **Boxing** | |
| Food | **Chopped** | **Chopped** CC | | **Chopped** (N) CC | | **Supermarket** | |
| Fox News | **The Story** | **Tucker Carlson** | | **Hannity** (N) CC | | **The Ingraham Angle** | |
| Fox Sports | **NHL Hockey:** Blue Jackets at Red Wings | | | | | **Wings** | **Wings** |
| Freefrm | 6:30 📽 **My Best Friend's Wedding** | 📽 ★★★ **The Devil Wears Prada** ('06, Comedy-Drama) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway. CC | | | | | |
| FX | **Hidden Figures** | 📽 ★★ **Transformers: Age of Extinction** ('14) Mark Wahlberg. Optimus Prime and the Autobots face fearsome challengers. | | | | | |
| Golf | **PGA** | **GOLF Films** CC | | **GOLF Films** CC | | **GOLF Films** CC | |
| Hallmark | **Moonlight Vt.** | 📽 **Two for the Win** ('21, Romance) Charlotte Sullivan, Trevor Donovan. CC | | | | **Golden Girls** | **Golden Girls** |
| HBO | **Real, Bill Maher** | 📽 ★ **Swimfan** ('02, Suspense) Jesse Bradford. CC | | | **Tiger** (Part 2 of 2) CC | | |
| History | **Oak Is** | **Digging Deeper** | | **Curse-Island** | | **Proof** | **Proof** |
| HGTV | **Love-List** | **Fixer to Fabulous** (N) | | **Fixer to Fabulous** (N) | | **Hunt Intl** | **Hunters** |
| Learning | **7 Little** | **7 Little Johnstons** | | **Fat Fabulous** | | **Unpolished** (N) | |
| Lifetime | **Rizzoli & Isles** | **Rizzoli & Isles** "Sympathy for the Devil" | | **Rizzoli & Isles** A student is gunned down. | | :03 **Rizzoli & Isles** "Money for Nothing" | |
| MSNBC | **ReidOut** | **All In With** | | **Rachel Maddow** | | **MSNBC Specials** (N) | |
| MTV | **How Lose** | **Teen Mom 2** (N) | | **Catfish: The TV** | | **Ridic.** | **Ridic.** |
| NBCSCH | **NHL Hockey:** Blackhawks at Panthers | | | | **Postgame** | **N.D. Bsk.** | **Sports** |
| NFL | **NFL Total** | **NFL Football** Teams TBA. CC | | | | | |
| Nick | **Despicbl** | **Hustle** | **Hustle** | **Sheldon** | **Sheldon** | **Friends** | **Friends** |
| NGEO | **Next Gen** | **Life Below Zero: Next Generation** (N) | | | | **Life Below** | |
| Oxygen | :00 **Chicago P.D.** | **Chicago P.D.** "300,000 Likes" | | **Chicago P.D.** CC (DVS) | | **Chicago P.D.** "Don't Bury This Case" | |
| Parmt | :00 📽 ★★ **Four Brothers** | | | :15 📽 ★★★ **The Italian Job** ('03) CC | | | |
| Showtime | 5:55 📽 **Batman** | **Your Honor** "Part Seven" CC | | **Inside the NFL** (N) CC | | **Shameless** CC | |
| Starz | :04 📽 **Extinction** ('15) Matthew Fox, Jeffrey Donovan. CC | | | **American Gods** "Serious Moonlight" | | ★ **Blumhouse's Fantasy Island** ('20) CC | |
| STZENC | 6:43 📽 ★★ **For Colored Girls** ('10) Kimberly Elise. CC | | | 📽 ★★ **The Notebook** ('04, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams. CC | | | |
| SyFy | 6:30 📽 ★ **Robin Hood** ('18) Taron Egerton, Jamie Foxx. CC | | | 📽 ★ **Law Abiding Citizen** ('09, Suspense) Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler. CC | | | |
| TBS | **Big Bang Theory** | **Big Bang Theory** | **Big Bang Theory** | **Big Bang Theory** | **Big Bang Theory** | **Big Bang Theory** | **The Misery Index** |
| TCM | 6:00 📽 **Camille** | 📽 ★★ **Smilin' Through** ('32, Romance) Norma Shearer, Leslie Howard. CC | | | | 📽 ★★★★ **Adam's Rib** ('49) CC | |
| TMC | **Movie Star** | 📽 **Olympic Dreams** ('19) Nick Kroll, Alexi Pappas. CC | | 📽 ★★★ **Downhill Racer** ('69) Robert Redford. CC | | | |
| TNT | **Tarzan** | 📽 ★★ **The Meg** ('18) Jason Statham. CC | | | | | **Tarzan** |
| Travel | **Dead** | **The Dead Files** "Slaughter House" (N) | | | | **The Dead Files** (N) | |
| TV Land | **Andy G.** | **Raymond** | **Everybody Raymond** | | **Raymond** | **Raymond** | **Raymond** |
| USA | **Law & Order: SVU** | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** | |
| VH1 | :00 📽 ★★★ **Boyz N the Hood** ('91) | | | | 📽 ★★★ **Training Day** ('01) | | |
| WGN-A | **Last Man Standing** | **NewsNation** (N) (L) CC | | **NewsNation** (N) (L) CC | | **NewsNation** (N) (L) CC | |

# Dad objects to sharing his part in daughter's wedding

**Jeanne Phillips**
Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** Yesterday, my daughter informed me that her boyfriend will soon come to me to ask for her hand in marriage. She also told me she intends to have both her stepfather and me walk her down the aisle. This creates a huge problem for me.

Her mother and I divorced 13 years ago because of marital infidelity on her part. She was having an affair with the man who is now my daughter's stepfather. When my daughter told me her plans, it took all my self-control not to go through the roof.

I have thought about my daughter's wedding day since the day she was born, and now she wants me to share it with this individual who has caused me so much pain. Her feeling is he has been with her her entire life, and she wants him in the wedding. I understand it to some extent, although for her to ask me to give up even a bit of this honor cuts me to my core.

One of her reasons for asking is we had a strained relationship for a number of years. I was never out of her life, although there were periods of time when we would fight constantly.

I don't want to miss the opportunity to walk my baby girl down the aisle, but I simply cannot share this honor with someone who basically stole my family. – Not Forgiving In Texas

**DEAR NOT FORGIVING:** I know this is painful for you, but you are not in control. If you are going to have the honor of walking your daughter down the aisle, you will have to figure out a compromise. I'm suggesting you walk her halfway to the altar and your daughter's stepfather take her the rest of the way, or vice versa. It has been done before.

**DEAR ABBY:** At what age is it no longer appropriate to share a bed with your child? My sister-in-law "Mara" is a single mom with a 13-year-old daughter. Until recently we were quite close, but we haven't spoken in a few months. Mostly it's because of COVID restrictions, but we had begun drifting apart even before.

Last week I saw on Facebook that she had made a comment about them still sharing a bed. I think it's weird and creepy. It goes against every boundary I have as a mother myself.

Should I keep my mouth shut? She won't listen to my husband (her brother) because he has been branded an "abusive misogynist." Mara loves to play the victim and interprets any criticism, however slight, as abuse – especially if it comes from a man.

Getting in touch with her out of the blue to talk about this seems over the top, but I'm genuinely concerned about the long-term impact on her daughter, who has voiced in the past (not in front of Mara) that she prefers to sleep alone. Is this none of my business? – Over The Line

**DEAR OVER:** If you suspect your niece is being sexually abused, child protective services should be contacted. Otherwise, it is none of your business. Not every family – or culture, for that matter – has the same standards. Until your niece finds the courage to tell her mother she no longer wants to share a bed, nothing will change in that household.

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# Boyfriend pretends relationship break didn't happen

**Carolyn Hax**

*Adapted from an online discussion.*

**DEAR CAROLYN:** My boyfriend told me three months ago that we should take a break. We have been dating for about year and a half. So took a break I did.

I just met up with my boyfriend for dinner last week. He was so normal, no discussion on why he said that we should take a break or any other discussion.

We had a nice dinner, watched a movie (and other stuff) and then I went home. [This was pre-pandemic. Pretend they live in, I dunno, New Zealand.]

I will see him and his kids tomorrow. Should I even bring our taking-a-break matter up, or continue pretending that all is well, like he is? – Pretending

**DEAR PRETENDING:** Why didn't you bring it up the other night? Or, better phrasing: Why did you go along with the pretending in the first place? This "nice dinner" seems like a natural place to say, "What the heck just happened."

I don't think there's an answer other than this. The why will drive the what.

I suppose now you have to bring it up at your next opportunity, but with the kids there, tomorrow won't be ideal, right? Still, pick your best moment and ask.

**DEAR CAROLYN:** I did not ask because he does not do well when he is asked questions. He'd rather just pretend. I am afraid to push it because he just shuts up and I am also afraid that he would want to break up with me.

I know in my heart this is not the right relationship for me. I am not getting what I need and yet I am unable to do anything about it. Even though I was on a busy work trip, I cried over our "taking a break" every day.

I prayed and prayed the break would end and now that it has ended I feel even more miserable. I know I need to get out. – Pretending again

**DEAR PRETENDING:** Please either break up with him right now, today, or openly question him tomorrow, so he will either break up with you himself or annoy you so much it will be easy for you to do it.

Either way, seek counseling, please – you're acting against what you know to be your own best interests, and that's not sustainable in any healthy way.

You just held down your job on the road while in months-long emotional distress. Please allow me to point out that you are way, way more resilient than you seem to think.

**REGARDING PRETENDING:** Congratulations on realizing you need to get out. Maybe this is why you came here, to admit it, and take care of yourself.

I hated breaking up with people – so much easier to be broken up with. Now with the right (kind, sane) person, I don't have to guess how she feels about me.

She loves me, and she treats me well. It was worth getting out of the bad relationships to be on my own, happy with myself, and now to be with a good person I really care about and who cares about me. You will make it through. – Anonymous

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## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Youngster
4 Health resort
7 Snares
11 Yale alum
12 Sanskrit dialect
14 Bombay nanny
15 "Scream" director — Craven
16 Stiff pleated collar
17 Stick around
18 Composts
20 Suspected
22 High note
23 Psyche parts
24 Less exciting
27 Heston Oscar-winner (hyph.)
30 Nights before
31 Sax-playing Simpson
32 Pipe joint
34 Some, in Paris
35 Cultured fellow
36 Pass out cards
37 Short pants
39 Thin clouds
40 Musical notes
41 Itinerary word
42 Surfing center
45 Barked
49 Pointed arch
50 Deluge
52 — — glance
53 Approach
54 Type of eagle
55 Coupe
56 Throws in
57 Exec
58 Summer, in Savoie

**DOWN**
1 Raunchy
2 Ship position
3 Record
4 More agile
5 Temporary stop
6 Chatty alien of TV
7 Indiana river
8 Arab chief
9 Directed
10 Lost fur
13 Most doubtful
19 Queen beaters
21 Ms. Ferber
24 Koppel or Knight
25 With, to Maurice
26 Butte
27 Large containers
28 Rocky Mountain people
29 Pick pears
31 Free time
33 Raised railways
35 Seize
36 Clock's front
38 Fix-it tool
39 Hot dog
41 Striving to win
42 "— Lisa"
43 Like good cheddar
44 Heavy metal
46 Stride
47 Coup d'—
48 Be brave enough
51 Starfish part

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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BYUHCB

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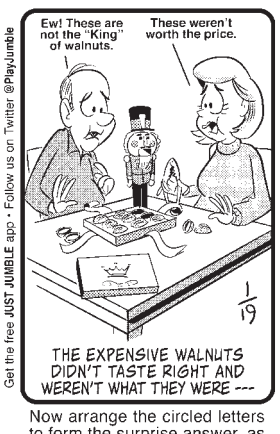
Ew! These are not the "King" of walnuts.
These weren't worth the price.
THE EXPENSIVE WALNUTS DIDN'T TASTE RIGHT AND WEREN'T WHAT THEY WERE ---
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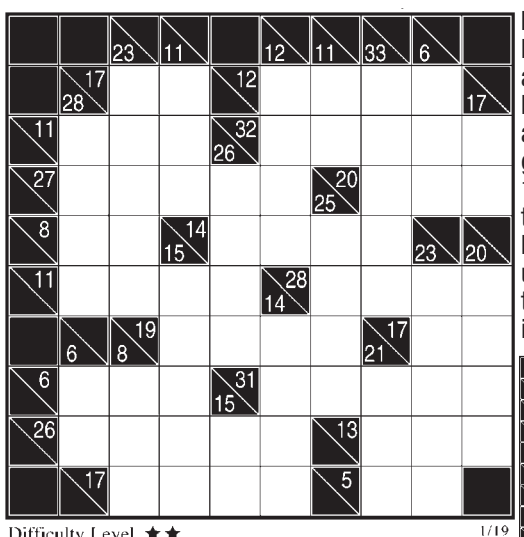
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

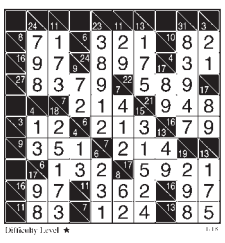
Yesterday's Jumbles: RUGBY INPUT ACTUAL SPORTY
Answer: The owner of the stationery store didn't like it when her products were — STATIONARY

## KAKURO



**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★ 1/19



## BRIDGE

If you are a mountaineer, climbing a difficult peak with another person, each of you relies on the other. Bridge isn't nearly as risky as that, but you should trust your partner over the opponents.

How would you critique the auction in today's deal? How would five diamonds doubled have fared? What happened to five spades?

After North's one-club opening, East should have overcalled three – or at the vulnerability, four – diamonds. Take bidding space away from the opponents, describe your hand accurately to partner and let him judge what to do later. But if East had bid three diamonds, presumably South would have responded three no-trump and made that contract.

After four diamonds, South doubles, and North has no clue what to do. Maybe pass, or perhaps four hearts, hoping partner has a four-card major.

Over one diamond, South economically mentioned his major. Then West did the same. (For serious partnerships: Yes, West could have made a snapdragon double, showing long hearts and diamond tolerance, typically a doubleton.)

North understandably jumped in spades. Finally, East, after his opponents bid game and West did not double, sacrificed in five diamonds.

When South doubled, North should have passed, trusting her partner. But, looking at the vulnerability, she moved on to five spades. Both sides played carefully, and declarer went down one, losing two hearts and one club.

In five diamonds doubled, East would have lost two spades, two diamonds and two clubs for down four, minus 800.

North 01-19-21
♠ A K 10 7
♥ Q 9 8 4
♦ —
♣ K 10 7 5 2

West
♠ 5 2
♥ A K J 10 6 2
♦ 9 6
♣ Q 9 3

East
♠ 8 4 3
♥ 7
♦ A J 10 8 7 3 2
♣ J 8

South
♠ Q J 9 6
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q 5 4
♣ A 6 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1♣ | 1♦ |
| 1♠ | 2♥ | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | 5♦ |
| Dbl. | Pass | 5♠ | All Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ 9

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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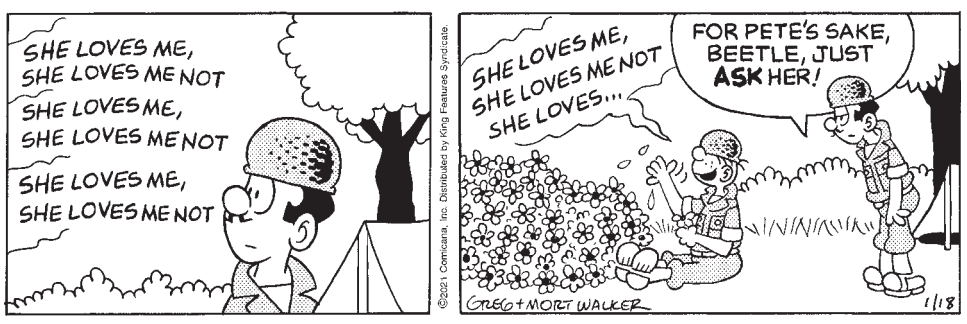
## BEETLE BAILEY


SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT
SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT
SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT
SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT
SHE LOVES...
FOR PETE'S SAKE, BEETLE, JUST ASK HER!
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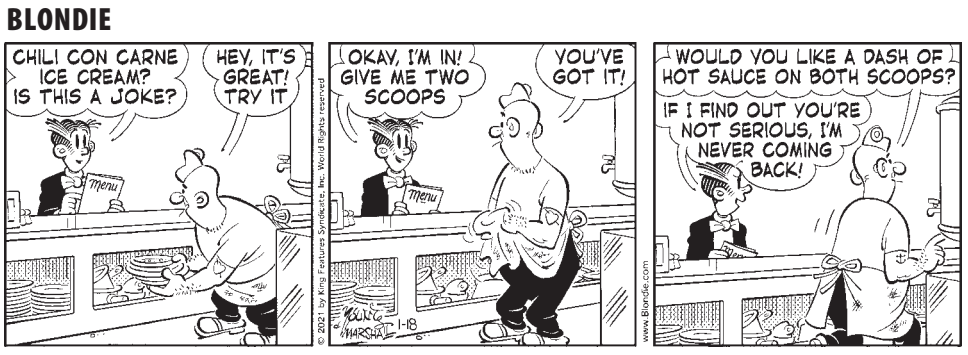
CHILI CON CARNE ICE CREAM? IS THIS A JOKE?
HEY, IT'S GREAT! TRY IT
OKAY, I'M IN! GIVE ME TWO SCOOPS
YOU'VE GOT IT!
WOULD YOU LIKE A DASH OF HOT SAUCE ON BOTH SCOOPS?
IF I FIND OUT YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS, I'M NEVER COMING BACK!
Menu
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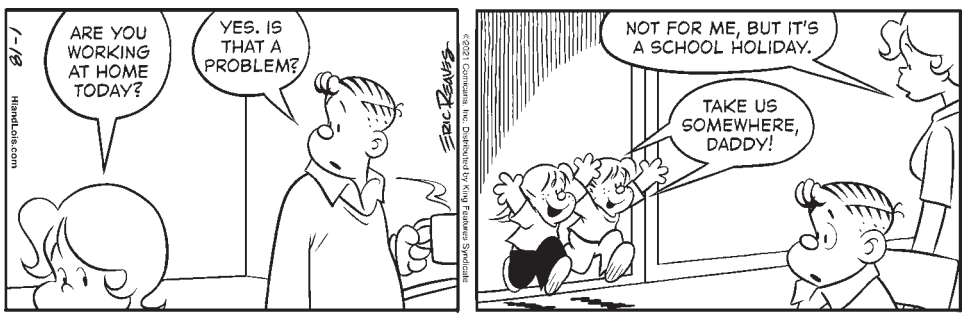
## HI & LOIS


ARE YOU WORKING AT HOME TODAY?
YES. IS THAT A PROBLEM?
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NOT FOR ME, BUT IT'S A SCHOOL HOLIDAY.
TAKE US SOMEWHERE, DADDY!

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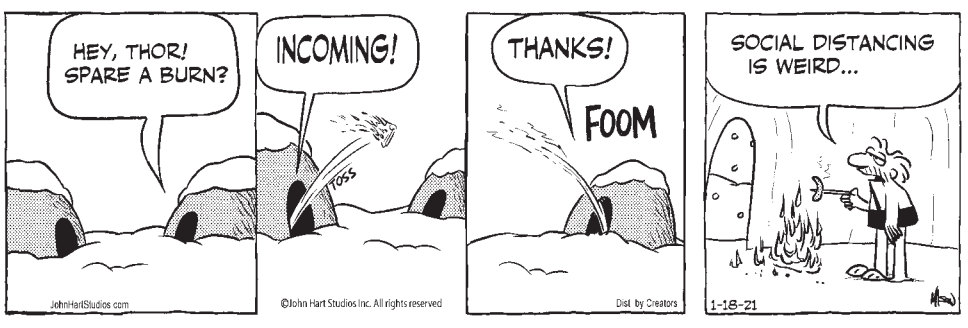


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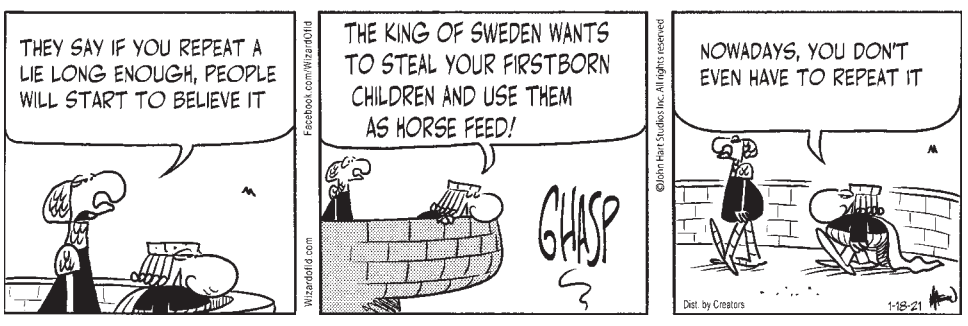
THEY SAY IF YOU REPEAT A LIE LONG ENOUGH, PEOPLE WILL START TO BELIEVE IT
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THE KING OF SWEDEN WANTS TO STEAL YOUR FIRSTBORN CHILDREN AND USE THEM AS HORSE FEED!
GHASP
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NOWADAYS, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO REPEAT IT
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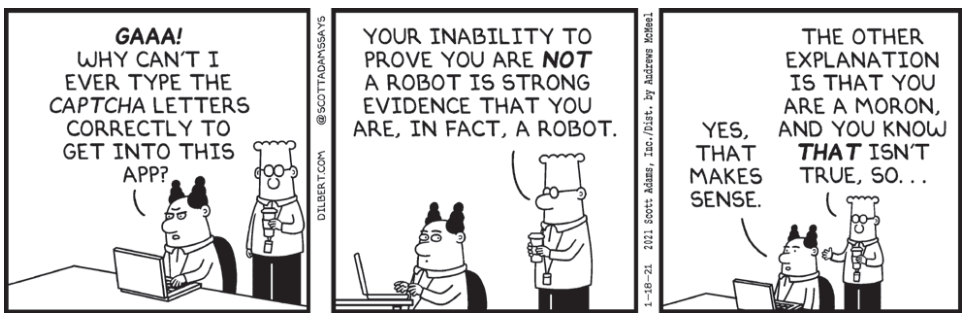
GAAA! WHY CAN'T I EVER TYPE THE CAPTCHA LETTERS CORRECTLY TO GET INTO THIS APP?
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YOUR INABILITY TO PROVE YOU ARE NOT A ROBOT IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT YOU ARE, IN FACT, A ROBOT.
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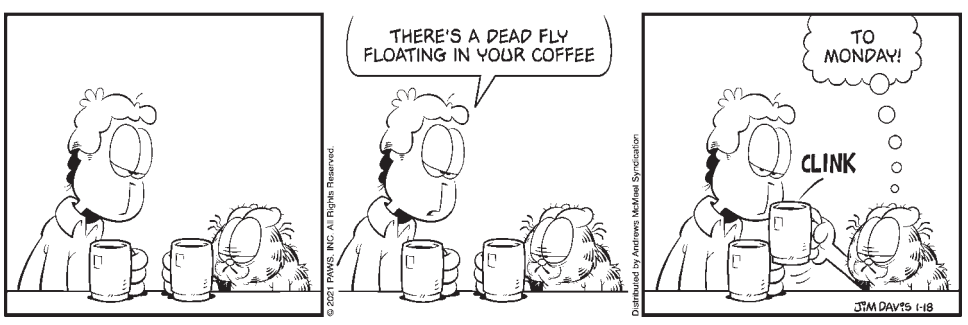
YES, THAT MAKES SENSE.
THE OTHER EXPLANATION IS THAT YOU ARE A MORON, AND YOU KNOW THAT ISN'T TRUE, SO...

## GARFIELD


THERE'S A DEAD FLY FLOATING IN YOUR COFFEE
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TO MONDAY!
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## FORT KNOX

FATHER FOOLISHLY GAVE ME THIS BAG OF OLD PENNIES.
AND?
IT'S WORTH TWICE AS MUCH DUE TO THE VALUE OF COPPER.
I SEE.
IF I KEEP COLLECTING PENNIES, CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW MUCH I'LL BE WORTH??
A DOLLAR?
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## PICKLES

## FAMILY CIRCUS

"You should have been with us, Daddy! Mommy made the car spin around!"

## DENNIS THE MENACE

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HAMMIE. HELP WREN-SHE CAN'T LOOK AT HER BOOK LIKE THAT.
OH. OKAY.
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GUNTHER'S BARBER-SHOP, SOUL SCISSORS, IS CLOSED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
JUL
CLOSED
THE BARBERSHOP IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY!
NOW WHERE WILL I GO TO HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT POLITICAL CONSPIRACIES, RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISIES AND HOW TO SPOT KARENS ROAMIN' THE STREETS ?
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? ? THERE ARE TINY WORDS THAT SAY "TEXT CLIPPERS 101"!
JUL
CLOSED
BILLINGSLEY

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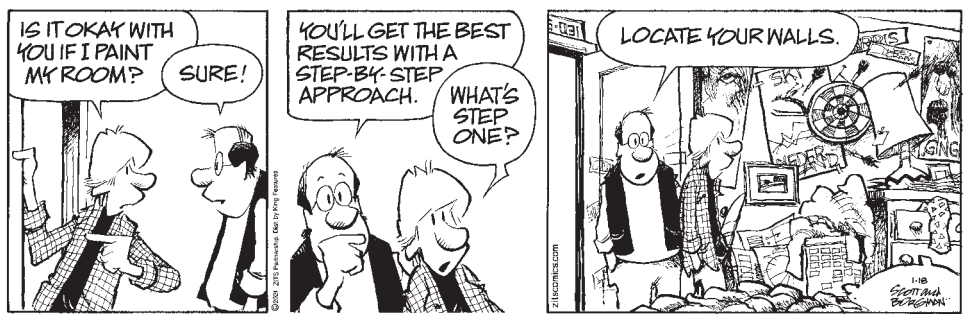
IS IT OKAY WITH YOU IF I PAINT MY ROOM?
SURE!
YOU'LL GET THE BEST RESULTS WITH A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH.
WHAT'S STEP ONE?
LOCATE YOUR WALLS.
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## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

IVAN'S WIFE GAVE BIRTH TO THEIR FIRST CHILD!
?!#
THAT WAS LAST WEEK!
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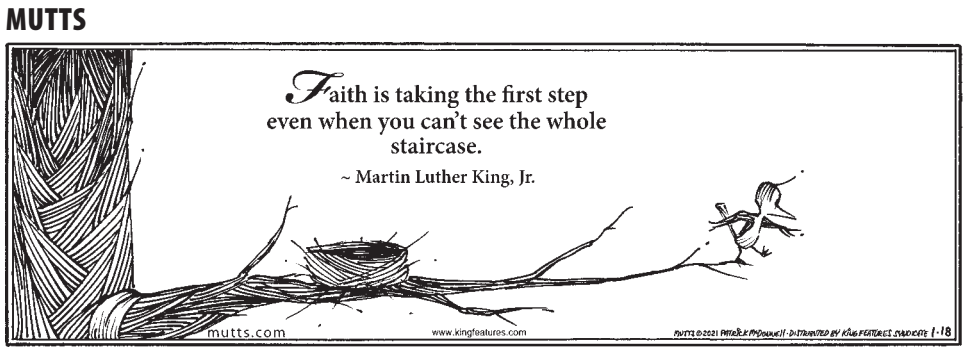
THE BABY IS GETTING HIS FIRST BATH THIS AFTERNOON!
AARGH
BROOME

## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

## MUTTS


Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.
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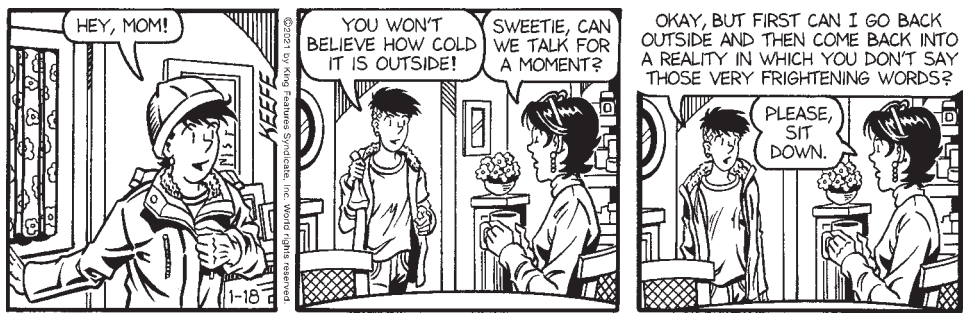
HEY, MOM!
KEEFE
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YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW COLD IT IS OUTSIDE!
SWEETIE, CAN WE TALK FOR A MOMENT?
OKAY, BUT FIRST CAN I GO BACK OUTSIDE AND THEN COME BACK INTO A REALITY IN WHICH YOU DON'T SAY THOSE VERY FRIGHTENING WORDS?
PLEASE, SIT DOWN.

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THIS WEEKEND'S ISSUE

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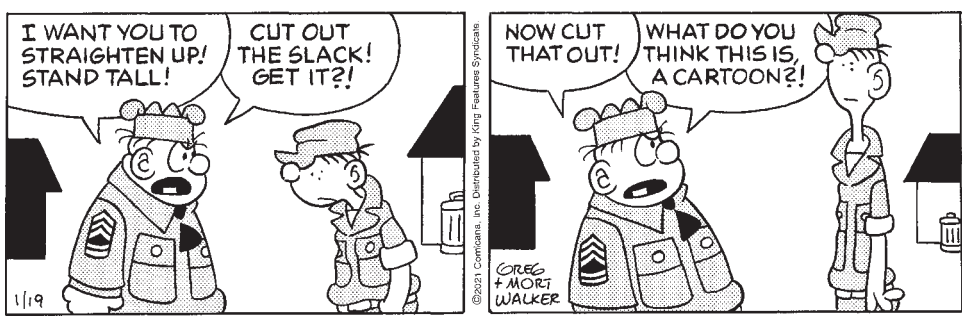
STANLEY TUCCI
On his new movie with Colin Firth, his food tour of Italy and his favorite pasta

## BEETLE BAILEY


I WANT YOU TO STRAIGHTEN UP! STAND TALL!
CUT OUT THE SLACK! GET IT?!
NOW CUT THAT OUT!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS, A CARTOON?!
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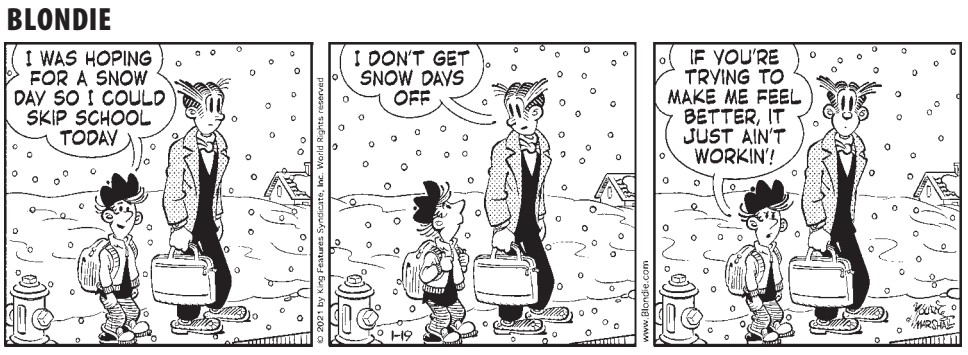
I WAS HOPING FOR A SNOW DAY SO I COULD SKIP SCHOOL TODAY
I DON'T GET SNOW DAYS OFF
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER, IT JUST AIN'T WORKIN'!
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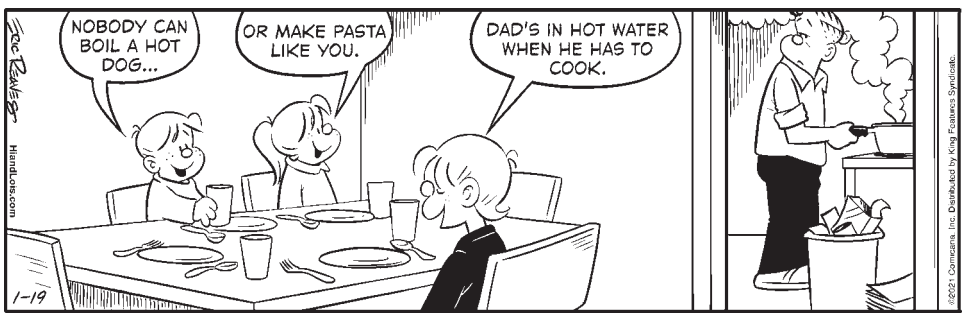
NOBODY CAN BOIL A HOT DOG...
OR MAKE PASTA LIKE YOU.
DAD'S IN HOT WATER WHEN HE HAS TO COOK.
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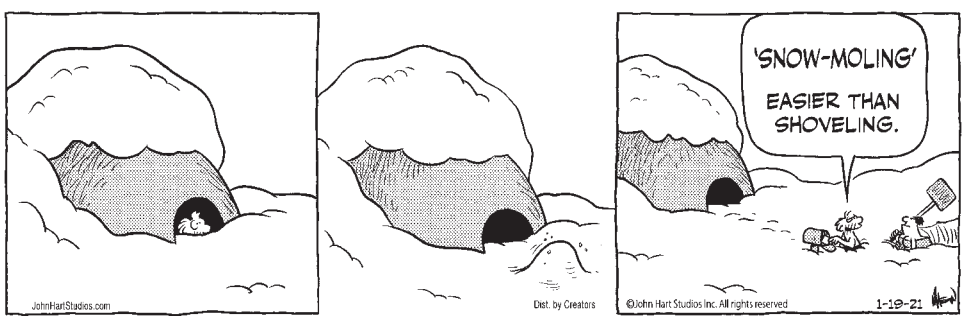


## WIZARD OF ID

I NEED A $200 LOAN TO OPEN A JEWELRY STORE
HOW DO YOU ONLY NEED $200 FOR A JEWELRY STORE?
A PRY BAR, A HACKSAW, GLASS CUTTER...
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## DILBERT

IT SEEMS YOU ARE BOOKING ALL OF MY CONNECTING FLIGHTS IN CORONAVIRUS HOT SPOTS.
YOU DO REALIZE THAT IF I DIE, YOU DON'T GET PROMOTED TO MY JOB, RIGHT?
I'M NOT GREEDY. YOUR DEMISE WOULD BE REWARD ENOUGH.
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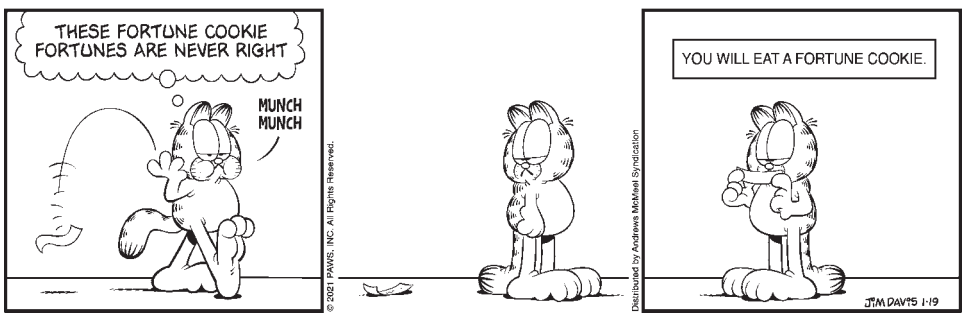
THESE FORTUNE COOKIE FORTUNES ARE NEVER RIGHT
MUNCH MUNCH
YOU WILL EAT A FORTUNE COOKIE.
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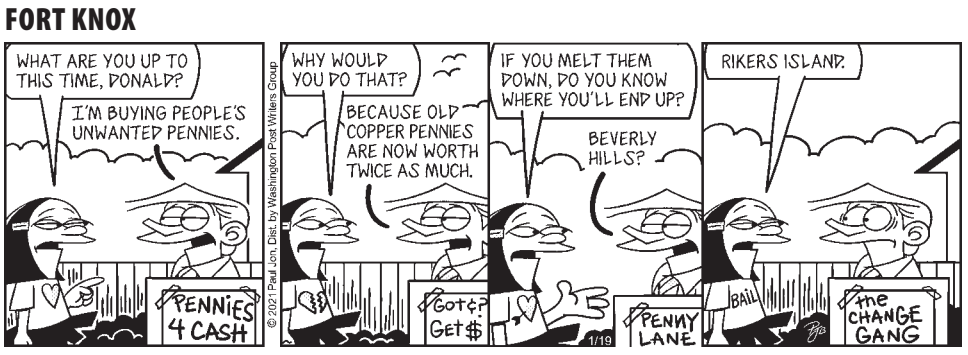
## FORT KNOX


WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THIS TIME, DONALD?
I'M BUYING PEOPLE'S UNWANTED PENNIES.
PENNIES 4 CASH
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
BECAUSE OLD COPPER PENNIES ARE NOW WORTH TWICE AS MUCH.
GOT¢? Get $
IF YOU MELT THEM DOWN, DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'LL END UP?
BEVERLY HILLS?
PENNY LANE
RIKERS ISLAND.
BAIL
the CHANGE GANG
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## PICKLES

WHY DOES GRAMPA HAVE A LAMP SHADE ON HIS HEAD?
HE CALLS IT HIS CONE OF SILENCE.
HE PUTS IT ON WHEN HE THINKS HE'S IN TROUBLE FOR SOMETHING AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
WOW! I'VE GOT TO GET ME ONE OF THOSE!
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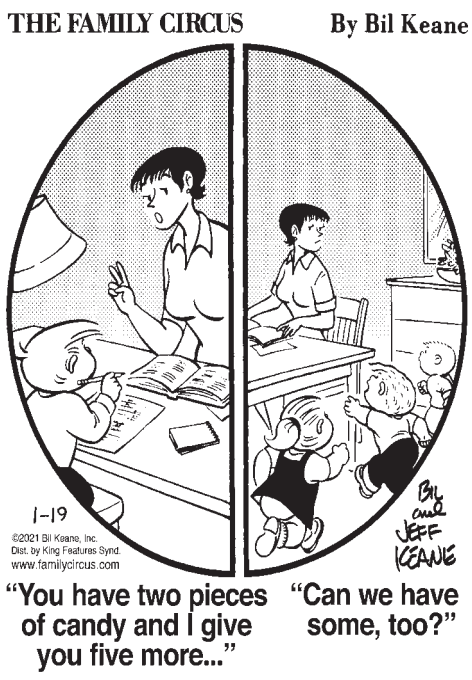
## FAMILY CIRCUS


THE FAMILY CIRCUS
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"You have two pieces of candy and I give you five more..."
"Can we have some, too?"

## BABY BLUES

LET'S GO.
WHAT DID I DO??
YOU CAN'T ACT LIKE THAT IN THERE!
ZOE DOES IT TO ME ALL THE TIME!
IT'S OKAY TO YELL AT BASEBALL PLAYERS, IT'S NOT OKAY TO HECKLE BALLERINAS.
WHO MADE UP THAT RULE?
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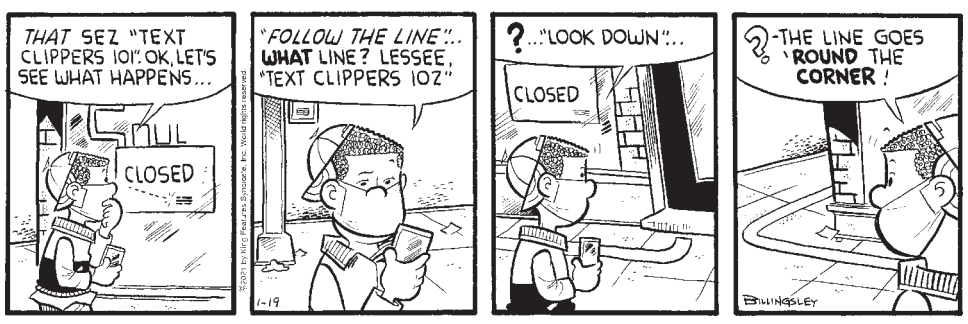
THAT SEZ "TEXT CLIPPERS 101". OK, LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS...
CLOSED
"FOLLOW THE LINE"... WHAT LINE? LESSEE, "TEXT CLIPPERS 102"
?..."LOOK DOWN"...
CLOSED
?-THE LINE GOES 'ROUND THE CORNER!
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BILLINGSLEY

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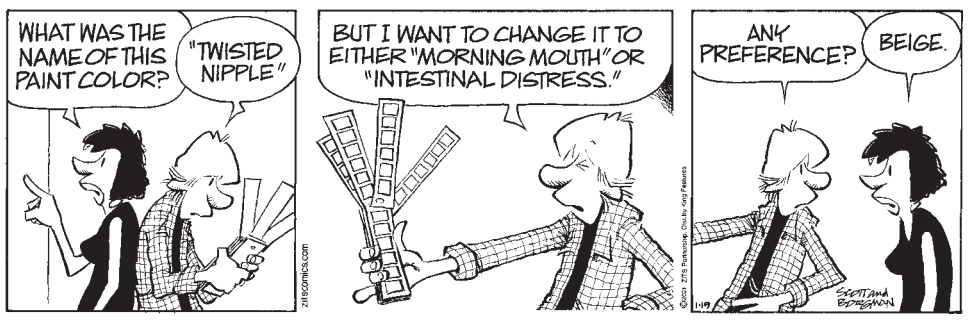
WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THIS PAINT COLOR?
"TWISTED NIPPLE"
BUT I WANT TO CHANGE IT TO EITHER "MORNING MOUTH" OR "INTESTINAL DISTRESS."
ANY PREFERENCE?
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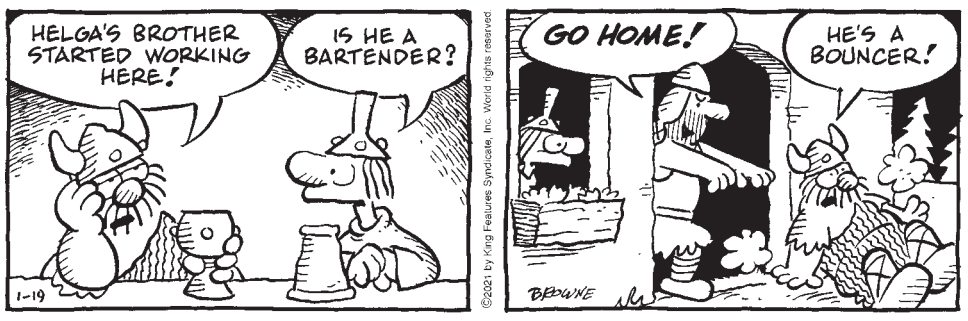


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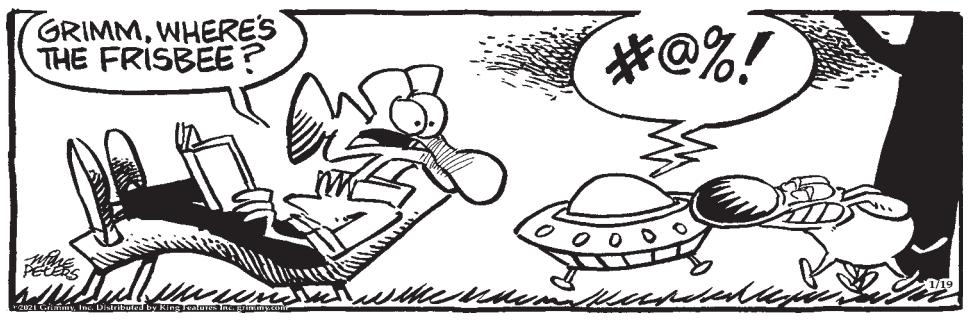


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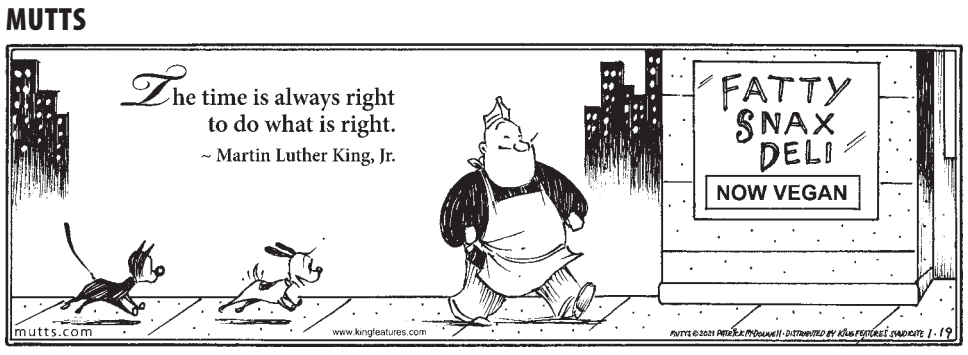
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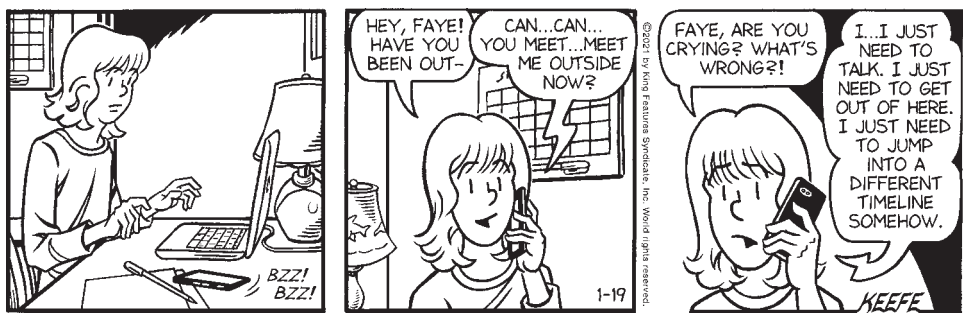
BZZT! BZZT!
HEY, FAYE! HAVE YOU BEEN OUT-
CAN...CAN... YOU MEET...MEET ME OUTSIDE NOW?
FAYE, ARE YOU CRYING? WHAT'S WRONG?!
I...I JUST NEED TO TALK. I JUST NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. I JUST NEED TO JUMP INTO A DIFFERENT TIMELINE SOMEHOW.
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Date: January 20, 2021

**BITTNER JENNINGS ATTORNEYS**
Craig P. Jennings
P46953
610 Ship Street, PO Box 290
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**By EUGENIA LAST**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

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# STATE OF MICHIGAN
# BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## NOTICE OF HEARING
## FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
## MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION
## CASE NO. U-20818

- Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval for authority to implement a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12-month period from April 2021 through March 2022, and for related approvals.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation, 899 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI 48161, 734-457-6137 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

**DATE/TIME:** **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM**

**BEFORE:** **Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman**

**LOCATION:** **Video/Teleconferencing**

**PARTICIPATION:** Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090, or by email at mpscedockets@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation's December 30, 2020 application requesting the Commission to: 1) authorize Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation to implement a 12-month Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) plan and GCR factor of $3.4501 per Mcf and Contingency Factor Matrix for the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022; 2) authorize Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation to implement a Reservation Charge of $0.6937 per Mcf to both Gas Cost Recovery and Gas Customer Choice customers; 3) approve the five-year forecast and indicate any cost items in the five-year forecast that cannot be recovered from Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation customers in rates, rate schedules, or gas cost recovery factors established in the future; 4) authorize Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation to treat incurred premiums on financial instruments as part of its booked cost of gas for purposes of the GCR; and 5) grant Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation further relief.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by February 3, 2021. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation's attorney, Paul M. Collins, 899 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI 48161.

The prehearing is scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Persons filing a petition to intervene will be advised of the process to participate in the hearing.

Any person wishing to participate without intervention under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10413 (Rule 413), or file a public comment, may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed and should reference Case No. **U-20818**. Statements may be emailed to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. Statements may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

A copy of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation's application may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in various Commission proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h et seq.; and Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R 792.10106 and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

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## VOLLEYBALL

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change to fill needs. Abbie Bever (Delton Kellogg) was recruited as a defensive specialist but may return to her high school position of outside hitter. Maddie Reynolds (Marshall) was slated to be the libero, a position the Red Hawks may not use. Elliott-Schafnitz said he expects Reynolds to have a "significant role" regardless. Other newcomers include Meg Manley (Allegan) and Ally Gillem (Lakeshore).

"I've got only nine, so all these athletes are contributing," Elliott-Schafnitz said. "I need them all, all the time."

Though the Red Hawks may lack a go-to hitter, they expect to be strong defensively.

"We have a lot of heart and a lot of desire, a lot of volleyball IQ," Elliott-Schafnitz said. "I'm just going to have be real creative as a coach. Stay consistent, get the ball in the court. Sometimes that's all it takes. We know what we have, we know what we can use and we're just going to try to use our strengths."

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## BIGGS

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on the radar for the Chargers as well as the Falcons, as he has a relationship with Smith having worked with him in Tennessee. Gannon is represented by agent Trace Armstrong, the former Bears defensive end, who also has Nagy as a client.

ESPN reported last week that Bears passing game coordinator Dave Ragone is a possibility for the Falcons with new head coach Arthur Smith. Ragone worked with Smith from 2011-2013 with the Tennessee Titans.

Losing Ragone would not necessarily create a vacancy for the Bears, as they have a host of coaches already associated with the offense and the passing game including Nagy, offensive coordinator Bill Lazor and quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo. This past season, the Bears also employed former quarterback Henry Burris as a seasonal assistant.

## SPARTANS

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guard Steven Izzo on Tuesday and fifth-year senior guard Joshua Langford on Wednesday. The Hall of Fame coach said he delivered food to his infected players Sunday night "to do something to keep them upbeat about it."

A program spokesman said there have been 17 people within the men's basketball program who have tested positive since the start of the pandemic. Along with the six active cases, eight players and two non-coaching staff members had COVID-19 in the late summer and early fall, and Tom Izzo tested positive Nov. 9 but returned shortly before the season began.

"Is it difficult? Yeah," Izzo said. "I've been through some difficult things here over the years. And this ranks right up there with one of the most difficult, because it's unknown. I'm fighting an invisible foe. And I'm not trying to be dramatic, it just makes it a little harder."

On Wednesday, after revealing his son and Sissoko had tested positive, Izzo felt the trip to Iowa would go on as planned. Later that afternoon, Langford – who was negative that morning during daily antigen testing, or a spit test – began to exhibit symptoms after practice and was retested. His nasal swab returned a positive result, and the trip was postponed after the flight to Iowa City was held for an hour, Izzo said.

"What happened the other day shows the power of this virus," Izzo said, "because my guys have done an unbelievable job."

The outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic forced the 2020 Big Ten and NCAA tournaments to be canceled in mid-March last year. The Spartans also had their game at Virginia on Dec. 9 for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge called off after making the trip when the Cavaliers had an outbreak in their program.

Izzo said he has not received a COVID-19 vaccine yet but has signed up for a waiting list.

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and North Carolina's Roy Williams both told reporters on an ACC coaches' conference call Monday they got their first of two doses recently.

It remains unclear when college athletes might be in line to get immunized.

"If I were somebody, I'd say, 'Well, do you think we even should have played?'" Izzo said. "I still think the safety and mental health of my players is best (with) what they've done. I really believe that."

## WINGS

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perseverance, after publicly sharing his battle with alcohol.

"This is a prove-it year," Ryan said. "I have a chance to take the step forward that I should have taken years ago. That didn't happen because of the outside stuff, but now I have a chance. I didn't want to get off to a slow start, so contributing right away has been nice."

Ryan has provided desperately needed scoring after missing the season-opening, 3-0 loss to Carolina because of an undisclosed injury.

"He's a smart hockey player and he's been our best player in these last two games," Dylan Larkin said.

### Fitting feat

Bjorkstrand had a "Gordie Howe hat trick" with a goal, assist and fight in Detroit, where the late Hall of Famer played for much of his career.

Bjorkstrand joked that he does not have a Gordie Howe hat trick bonus in his contract.

"You don't really expect that from me, but it happens," he said.

It was also unexpected to see two friends, Werenski and Larkin, drop gloves and throw blows.

Werenski and Larkin were teammates at Michigan after playing together in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

"I elbowed Zach and he wasn't happy about it so we fought," Larkin said. "It wasn't our first fight. We've had a lot of battles."

# Still playing: Bills, Bucs risen from Super Bowl droughts

**By BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

Brett Duke / AP

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady leaves the field a NFL divisional round playoff game against the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.**

In the 1990s, the Bills buffaloed their way to four successive — if not successful – Super Bowls. No other franchise has managed that.

About a decade later, the long-downtrodden Buccaneers swashbuckled to an NFL title.

Ever since, pretty much nothing for those teams. Until now.

Next weekend, Buffalo, which last got this far in the 1993 season, heads to reigning Super Bowl champion Kansas City.

And the Chiefs could be missing their dynamic star quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, who was concussed in a 22-17 victory Sunday over Cleveland.

"It's a special time to be a Buffalo Bill, " tackle Dion Dawkins said.

Meanwhile, TB (as in Tampa Bay), led by TB (as in Tom Brady) heads to Green Bay for the NFC championship game. Yes, the same Bucs who made the postseason once, in 2007, after their 2002 league crown, and not since – until Brady and his six Super Bowl rings arrived from New England for this season. Their 30-20 win at New Orleans sent them to Lambeau Field for the NFC championship match.

"It's great for our team," said Brady, who further establishes how responsible he was for all those titles in New England with each victory in Tampa. "We worked hard to get to this point. Two road playoff wins is pretty sweet."

Which two teams will be sweetest? The teams that will head to Tampa – yes, that's where the Super Bowl will be staged on Feb. 7, and no team has played in the big game on its home field.

### Tampa Bay (13-5) at Green Bay (14-3)

Both teams used key plays by their defense to win in the divisional round, and likely will need similar performances to advance. Sure, the Bucs and Pack are lauded for their offense, from their quarterbacks – Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers has had perhaps the best season of his illustrious career – to strong runners Leonard Fournette and Aaron Jones, to a bevy of receivers, to solid lines. But holding down All-Pros Rodgers and wide receiver Davante Adams is a must for Tampa Bay. So is neutralizing Brady hooking up with Mike Evans, Chris Godwin, Rob Gronkowski and Cameron Brate.

"It was huge. I think the defense was the key to the game," Brady said after the win over the Saints. It needs to be huge once more."

As for the conditions at Lambeau Field, well, forecasts call for temperatures in the 20s, which certainly is cold for a team from Florida, but not frigid. And remember where Brady won all those titles.

Oddly, the Packers have not won an NFC championship game at home since the 1996 season. They are four-point favorites in the earliest betting lines. If that seems low, remember who is quarterbacking the opposition.

### Buffalo (14-3) at Kansas City (15-2)

So much will depend on Mahomes' condition. While journeyman backup Chad Henne did well enough after Mahomes departed Sunday in the third quarter, even making two big plays to clinch the win, the Chiefs would be severely hampered if Mahomes can't play.

Andy Reid, whose willingness to gamble and always play to win should be lauded regardless of circumstance, has designed a nearly unstoppable attack – when Mahomes is behind center. It's hard to imagine Travis Kelce, Tyreek Hill and the other threats being, well, as threatening without him.

Reid maintains there is something else at play in KC. Asked what impressed him most about the Chiefs holding off Cleveland, he replied:

"Probably just the intestinal fortitude of the guys pounding through, not getting down when Pat went down. That's easier said than done. Somebody asked that just about the quarterback, so just that part of it, having that trust, having earned that respect from the guys I think is big.

"But listen, nobody got down. I mean, there was nobody that was hanging their head or moping throughout the game."

Nor will they against Buffalo, which has been the AFC's best team the last two months. The Bills are the most balanced of the four remaining contenders, and might have more confidence than anyone.

They lost at home to the Chiefs in a COVID-19 delayed game in October, 26-17. That game was played in wet weather.

The early betting line is Kansas City giving 3 ½ points. Mahomes' condition, not the field conditions, will determined the odds. And quite possibly who goes to the Super Bowl.

## SCOREBOARD

### NHL

**Sunday's Games**
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3, SO
Florida 5, Chicago 2
Dallas at Tampa Bay, ppd

**Monday's Games**
Columbus 3, Detroit 2
N.Y. Islanders 1, Boston 0
Toronto 3, Winnipeg 1
Buffalo at Philadelphia
Carolina at Nashville
San Jose at St. Louis
Minnesota at Anaheim
Montreal at Edmonton
Vancouver at Calgary
Arizona at Vegas

**Tuesday's Games**
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, postponed
Chicago at Florida, 7 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnepeg at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**
Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Arizona at Vegas, 10 p.m.

### NBA

**Sunday's Games**
New York 105, Boston 75
Chicago 117, Dallas 101
Utah 109, Denver 105
New Orleans 128, Sacramento 123
L.A. Clippers 129, Indiana 96
Cleveland at Washington, ppd
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, ppd

**Monday's Games**
New York 91, Orlando 84
Atlanta 108, Minnesota 97
San Antonio 125, Portland 104
Memphis 108, Phoenix 104
Brooklyn 125, Milwaukee 123
Toronto 116, Dallas 93
Cleveland at Washington, ppd
Miami 113, Detroit 107
Chicago 125, Houston 120
Golden State at L.A. Lakers

**Tuesday's Games**
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, ppd
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10 p.m.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**AP Men's Top 25**
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Gonzaga (62) | 14-0 | 1598 | 1 |
| 2. Baylor (2) | 12-0 | 1538 | 2 |
| 3. Villanova | 8-1 | 1445 | 3 |
| 4. Iowa | 12-2 | 1420 | 5 |
| 5. Texas | 11-2 | 1289 | 4 |
| 6. Tennessee | 10-1 | 1242 | 10 |
| 7. Michigan | 11-1 | 1197 | 7 |
| 8. Houston | 11-1 | 1155 | 11 |
| 9. Kansas | 10-3 | 1072 | 6 |
| 10. Wisconsin | 11-3 | 939 | 9 |
| 11. Creighton | 10-3 | 833 | 8 |
| 12. Texas Tech | 11-4 | 792 | 15 |
| 13. Virginia | 9-2 | 778 | 18 |
| 14. West Virginia | 9-4 | 732 | 13 |
| 15. Ohio St. | 11-3 | 631 | 21 |
| 16. Virginia Tech | 11-2 | 536 | 20 |
| 17. Minnesota | 11-4 | 507 | 23 |
| 18. Alabama | 11-3 | 487 | - |
| 19. Missouri | 8-2 | 462 | 17 |
| 20. Clemson | 9-2 | 354 | 12 |
| 21. Oregon | 9-2 | 235 | 22 |
| 22. Illinois | 9-5 | 232 | 14 |
| 23. UConn | 7-1 | 209 | 25 |
| 24. UCLA | 11-2 | 195 | - |
| 25. Saint Louis | 7-1 | 172 | 24 |

Others receiving votes: Louisville 155, Colorado 148, Oklahoma St. 119, Florida St. 112, Southern Cal 74, Duke 43, Drake 42, LSU 20, Boise St. 15, Xavier 7, Belmont 5, Michigan St. 3, Winthrop 3, Toledo 2, Utah St. 1, Purdue 1.

**AP Women's Top 25**
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Louisville (20) | 12-0 | 710 | 2 |
| 2. NC State (5) | 10-0 | 680 | 3 |
| 3. UConn (1) | 7-0 | 659 | 4 |
| 4. South Carolina (2) | 9-1 | 650 | 5 |
| 5. Stanford (1) | 11-1 | 632 | 1 |
| 6. UCLA | 8-2 | 545 | 8 |
| 7. Maryland | 11-1 | 533 | 9 |
| 8. Texas A&M | 13-1 | 515 | 7 |
| 9. Baylor | 8-2 | 499 | 6 |
| 10. Arizona | 10-2 | 474 | 11 |
| 11. Michigan | 10-0 | 443 | 13 |
| 12. Kentucky | 10-3 | 420 | 12 |
| 13. Oregon | 9-3 | 378 | 10 |
| 14. South Florida | 10-1 | 310 | 16 |
| 15. Arkansas | 11-4 | 266 | 17 |
| 16. Indiana | 8-3 | 226 | 18 |
| 17. Ohio St. | 7-1 | 218 | 15 |
| 18. DePaul | 8-3 | 217 | 19 |
| 19. Mississippi St. | 8-4 | 198 | 14 |
| 20. Gonzaga | 12-2 | 162 | 20 |
| 21. Northwestern | 7-2 | 115 | 22 |
| 22. Georgia | 12-1 | 113 | - |
| 23. Syracuse | 6-1 | 111 | 24 |
| 24. Iowa St. | 9-4 | 65 | - |
| 25. Tennessee | 9-2 | 61 | 23 |

Others receiving votes: South Dakota St. 52, Texas 49, Missouri St. 43, West Virginia 34, Washington St 14, Alabama 10, Nebraska 9, Rice 6, Arizona St. 6, IUPUI 2.

### NFL

**Divisional Playoffs**
**Saturday, Jan. 16**
Green Bay 32, Los Angeles Rams 18
Buffalo 17, Baltimore 3
**Sunday, Jan. 17**
Kansas City 22, Cleveland 17
Tampa Bay 30, New Orleans 20

**Conference Championships**
**Sunday, Jan. 24**
**NFC**
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 3 p.m.
**AFC**
Buffalo at Kansas City, 6:30 p.m.

### TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**
**Major League Baseball**
**American League**
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Thomas Eshelman on a minor league contract.
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded INF C.J. Chatham to Phila. for player to be named later or cash considerations.
**National League**
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Archie Bradley. Designated RF Kyle Garlick for assignment.

**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Promoted Mike McDaniel to offensive coordinator and DeMeco Ryans to defensive coordinator.
**Canadian Football League**
OTTAWA REDBLACKS — Re-signed LB Jerod Fernandez, WR Jalen Saunders and RB Timothy Flanders.

**HOCKEY**
**National Hockey League**
BOSTON BRUINS — Activated C Jack Studnicka from the taxi squad.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Activated RW Michael Rasmusssen from the taxi squad.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Activated D Alexander Romanov from the taxi squad
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Claimed G Aaron Dell off waivers from Toronto.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Activated C Adam Brooks from the taxi squad.

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**Major League Soccer**
D.C. UNITED — Named Hernan Losada head coach.
INTER MIAMI — Named Phil Neville head coach and Chris Henderson chief soccer officer and sporting director.

# Michigan hires Ravens' Macdonald as defensive coordinator

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Michigan hired Baltimore Ravens linebacker coach Mike Macdonald as defensive coordinator.

The Wolverines announced the move Sunday. The 33-year-old Macdonald replaces Don Brown, who recently became the defensive coordinator at Arizona.

It's a significant hire for Michigan, which is trying to find its footing under coach Jim Harbaugh after going 2-4 in this abbreviated season. Macdonald worked for Harbaugh's brother, John, with the Ravens.

"Mike is an excellent defensive mind who is highly respected across the NFL," Jim Harbaugh said. "He has been a valuable member of the Baltimore Ravens staff, and shown a passion for teaching, coaching and developing his players. We are excited about everything that Mike brings to our defense, team and university."

The Ravens were eliminated from the playoffs with a loss to Buffalo on Saturday night.